

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m., Saturday: Victoria, and vicinity, Saturday, winds mostly northwesterly and easterly, unsettled and colder, with rain or sleet.

Playhouse—The Runaway Girl. Royal—Ashes of Vengeance. Capitol—The Flaming Passion. Dominion—Little Old New York. Columbia—The Grail.

MOTORMEN OF LONDON SUBWAY SYSTEM MAY JOIN RAILWAY STRIKE

Port Workers Also May Cease Their Labors Next Week; Passengers Carried From London to Their Ships at Southampton by Motor

London, Jan. 26.—Aggravation of the railway strike at an early date by a walkout of the motormen of the London subway system and sympathetic action on the part of the London port workers was intimated by J. Bromley, secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, in speaking to newspaper representatives to-day.

After saying further developments in the rail situation were possible over the week-end, he added: "We are being strongly pressed by the underground drivers and by the port men, who even before the strike were anxious to help. But we have no quarrel with the electric railways and I told them to work on. It is impossible, however, to say what will happen next week."

The London underground lines are electrified and the men operating them were not affected by the decision of the Railway Wage Board which led to the calling of the strike by the associated society. However, a considerable number of the underground drivers are members of that union.

The railways involved in the strike took no chances with the passenger traffic to Southampton to-day. They arranged motor transportation for train and baggage scheduled to sail to-day.

GOVERNMENT ACTION

Discussing the responsibility of the Government for the ending of the strike, The Westminster Gazette demands that it take action, saying: "Had the strike occurred with any other party in power, Labor itself would have assumed political responsibility on the Ministry, and the Labor Government cannot neglect its plain duty because the people quarrelling happen to belong to its own household."

The Daily Chronicle, however, sees special difficulty for the Ministry in the very nature of the dispute, and asserts: "In a strike crisis there are certain things open to ordinary governments which a Labor Government cannot do and there is a definite characteristic of the side of Labor itself which the latter can employ to bring the anti-social strikers to reason."

SCENE OF DISORDER IN FRENCH CHAMBER

Hubub During Premier's Speech on Taxation Programme

Paris, Jan. 26.—A tremendous hubub broke out in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. When Premier Poincaré was speaking on his tax programme Deputy Leon Blum started to rush to the Speaker's stand. An attendant stopped him.

Premier Poincaré, replying to an interruption from Deputy Bracke, said: "That is a thing that will be settled outside."

He was highly incensed against the Premier because of his assertions that Frenchmen were helping to deprecate the franc.

SIFTON SAYS SHIP RATES TOO HIGH

Brandon Canadian Club Hears Criticism of Canadian Merchant Marine

Brandon, Jan. 26.—Addressing the Brandon Canadian Club, Sir Clifford Sifton criticized the management of the Canadian Merchant Marine, which he declared belonged to a combine and did most to keep the rates up.

Prior to the lifting of the British embargo against Canadian cattle, the shipping rate to Britain was \$15.50, he said. When the embargo was taken off the rate was increased to \$25, and when a great deal of trouble was it reduced to \$20.

Sir Clifford strongly condemned the ten per cent discrimination in favor of United States shippers, and declared \$10 would be a fair compensation to Montreal to Liverpool.

Sir Clifford held that it was safe to say that farmers had paid double what they should for the freight on wheat to Montreal during the last two years. They had, in fact, lost four or five cents a bushel, depending on where they had shipped, by paying nine cents where they should have paid but four or five cents a bushel.

MEIGHEN TO SPEAK IN MONTREAL ON MONDAY NIGHT

Montreal, Jan. 26.—It is intimated that Right Hon. Arthur Meighen's address here on Monday night will be one of the most important announcements yet delivered in this province by the Conservative leader.

Wurttemberg Plot Against Government Was Frustrated

Berlin, Jan. 26.—An alleged Communist plot for the overthrow of the Government was brought to light to-day in the debate of the finance committee of the Wurttemberg Parliament, according to advices from Stuttgart. Large quantities of explosives are said to have been seized.

MAYOR O'CALLAGHAN OF CORK RESIGNS

Cork, Jan. 26.—Lord Mayor Donald O'Callaghan has resigned. He is an ardent republican, but has been absent from his official duties for a year, so the Cork City Council recently decided to withhold his salary. O'Callaghan, in resigning, explained his absence by saying he had been occupied with work for the republican movement, on which ticket he was elected.

Believes He Has Found Mother Lode at Sooke

Veteran Prospector Finds Gold Nuggets in Talc at Junction of Sooke and Leech Rivers, Near Scene of Former Gold Rush

Arthur Phillips, of Victoria, an old-time prospector, confidently believes he has found the mother lode in the Malahat district at the junction of the Leech and Sooke Rivers, the scene of a gold rush forty years ago, when there was a gold commission's office established in the midst of a settlement of 3,000 miners.

There is every reason to believe Mr. Phillips has good grounds for his optimism. The Leech River district has always been known to contain gold, and from 1862, when the first big rush started, to 1870, \$4,000,000 was taken out. Placer mining proved highly profitable, but no one was able to find where the gold came from.

PREDICTS DEFEAT OF PREFERENCE PLAN

Westminster Gazette Fore-tells British Commons Vote on Tariff Scheme

London, Jan. 26.—The proposals of the Baldwin Government for the granting of trade preference to the Dominions, which were elaborated at the Imperial Conference of 1923, will not be adopted by the new administration, according to the political correspondent of The Westminster Gazette. The writer says the report of the conference on the imperial preference plan will be laid before the House of Commons and so may receive Parliament's decision, but that the Government does not regard it as possible that the bill of its predecessor, A. free vote of the Commons will accordingly be taken which, the writer predicts, will certainly result in rejection of the programme as the Liberal party prefers the Labour party's hostility thereto.

The correspondent also asserts the Government will refuse to accept the bargain proposed by Mr. Baldwin, namely, that if the sugar duty should be reduced, the existing Dominion preference would be maintained. The Labour party's desire to cut down the sugar levy at the first opportunity, he points out, and it has already been hinted that this may be done in the coming budget.

Another conference of the Dominions in 1924 is being mooted, according to the writer, but it will be held in a place different from the last. Before there was any immediate prospect of the Labour Party taking office, the suggestion was made that workers' organizations in the Dominions should send delegations to London to discuss their own trade concessions to foreigners.

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350 CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS TO GO TO EMPIRE FAIR

Montreal, Jan. 26.—About 350 delegates to the annual convention of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association on June 3 will embark after the convention for England to attend the British Empire Exhibition.

MOTORS INCREASE 600 PER CENT IN TEN YEARS IN B.C.

Total Automobile Registration 39,500 at End of Last Year, Manson's Figures Show

Government Spends \$6,500, 000 on Highways in Five Years

Motor vehicles have increased in number in British Columbia from 6,688 in 1914 to 39,500 last year, according to figures compiled at the Parliament Buildings for Hon. A. M. Manson, Attorney-General, who has charge of the enforcement of the no foreigners there.

Here are figures showing the number of motor vehicles registered in the Province during the last ten years:

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This is an increase of more than 600 per cent in ten years. The registration for 1924, of course, will not be compiled until the end of this year, but it is expected to exceed the figure for 1923.

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FIELD HOCKEY

Merton Abbey, Eng., Jan. 26.—The all-American girls field hockey team lost the first match of its English tour to-day, the all-England ladies' touring team, which visited the United States in 1921, defeating the Americans eleven to one.

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Californians to Tour Island Soon in Special Train

About thirty Californians will tour Vancouver Island by special train next month, by arrangement with the railroad, to effect railroad transportation interests this morning in an inquiry for special train facilities to journey up-Island.

The organization conducting the excursion is the Pacific Fair Company, and it is assumed its members wish personally to investigate the natural resources of the Island for a brief period, prior to investment.

The party has fixed its arrival on the Island at a period when examination of forest

conditions would be difficult in many portions of the coast, but where the equable temperature of the Island will probably afford no check.

The date set is February 5.

BENGAL LEGISLATURE DEMANDS RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

Despite Government's Opposition, Assembly Votes Seventy-six to Forty-five For Freeing of Seventeen Men Held Without Civil Trial; Resolution Introduced by Swarajists

Calcutta, Jan. 26.—Notwithstanding the Government's opposition, the Bengal Legislature yesterday carried a resolution offered by the Swarajists, or Nationalists, demanding the release of seven political prisoners held without civil trial. The vote was seventy-six to forty-five.

Sir Hugh Stephenson, a member of the Bengal Executive Council, maintained on behalf of the Government that the existence of a revolutionary conspiracy had shown that the ordinary law in such cases was unavailing. The Government was aware, he said, that revolutionists had centres in various parts of the province that some of their leaders were members of the Third International, which supplied them with money and arms, and that they already possessed weapons and ammunition. The Indian Government last year, he recalled, had discovered a definite plot to murder police officers and the action taken in regard to the prisoners was deemed imperative.

THOMAS WILL AID PLANS OF EMPIRE

New British Labor Government Well Disposed Toward Empire Aspirations

Thomas, Colonial Secretary, Visited Canada Several Times

London, Jan. 26.—(Canadian Press Cable)—As far as the responsible people here who are connected with the relations of the Dominion and British Governments are concerned, the opinion is growing stronger that the Labor Government is entirely well disposed toward imperial aspirations. The appointment of J. H. Thomas as Colonial Secretary has been received with distinct approval.

First real signs of Spring appeared to-day when a dozen white snowdrops in the Parliament Building grounds shyly thrust out their white petals and greeted the morning sunshine. Visitors to the Building were surprised and delighted by the sight of birds which apparently are confident that Spring is not far off. Old-timers who saw the snowdrops declared that they indicated a quiet end to Winter.

Loud cooing from the pigeons' nests behind the windows of the British Columbia Library on the roof of the Provincial Library also indicates that the birds are getting ready for the Spring.

Some pigeons strayed about the window ledges of the building, which perch themselves upon the stone statues, preening themselves with evident anticipation of warmer days.

Others sat together on the head of the statue of an eagle which is the symbol of the century and held a long conversation on the approaching end of Winter.

It was clearly apparent they were pleased with the weather prospects.

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BAPTIST CHURCH SHOWS GROWTH IN THE WEST

Meeting of Western Canada Union Now in Progress at Calgary

Victoria delegates at the annual convention of the Western Canada Baptist Union, now in session at Calgary, learned yesterday that the report was last Thursday that the church has now 237 churches and over 30,000 members in the West. The denomination has now had fifty years of service in the western part of Canada.

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NANAIMO SCHOOL BOARD

Nanaimo, Jan. 26.—The new School Board has been sworn in and re-elected Trustee John Shaw as chairman. There are now 1,100 pupils in the Nanaimo schools, compared with 1,000 in 1919. Also, E. H. Hall, the supervising principal, recommended the addition of two male teachers, and payment of the same, to the Board of Education instead of forcing them to wait until the eighth or ninth of the month following. The Board decided to seek an adjustment of the salary cheques with the City Council.

TASK FOR MINISTER

London, Jan. 26 (Canadian Press Cable)—George Lansbury, Labor M.P., writing in the New Leader, the weekly organ of Labor opinion, says that if J. Bromley, secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers, fails to make an honorable settlement of the strike of the railway engineers, he should then give the new Minister of Labor, Thomas Shaw, a chance to settle the strike.

To read the daily diatribes of Labor leaders denouncing one another," Lansbury writes in his article, "would be a useless waste of time and space. If the workers can not unite in organizing those engaged in the same industry and find men among their own ranks whom they can trust, how can we ever hope to reorganize and rebuild society on Socialistic lines?"

PURSUED HIM

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The crossed swords of Sir H. H. Munro, to the Coast Guard, have been postponed, owing to a desire to be at Ottawa when the estimates for his department are going through.

UP-ISLAND LIGHT SCHEME NOT DEAD

Not abandoned, Duncan Officials Are Told

Statement Shows Attitude of B.C. Electric Railway

That the company will not abandon the scheme is the announcement made by S. J. Halls, manager of the light and power department of the B. C. Electric Railway, in answer to requests from Duncan in relation to the extension of its light and power lines up-Island.

Last year, after a thorough investigation, the company failed to obtain a long-term contract with oilmen and other interests for power and therefore could not proceed with its plan to serve the towns of Duncan and Ladysmith en route to Nanaimo. Now the matter has been reopened by Mayor J. I. Mutter on behalf of the Duncan City Council, following the exchange of correspondence prior to the recent election with Municipal Clerk Greig.

The POSITION. In the course of a letter Mr. Halls set the situation out as follows: "The company has an excellent outlook, apparently not sufficiently attractive at this time for some of the larger concerns with whom we have been in negotiation to warrant their entering into contracts with us for the power supply, and whose bids were absolutely reasonable for us to obtain in time to justify construction."

"Under the circumstances the matter must remain in abeyance for the present, but the company will not abandon the scheme and will be only too pleased in the near future to review the whole situation."

Mr. Halls had a conversation about the matter with Mayor Mutter. He has pointed out that the company would have to charge Duncan a considerably higher rate than the rest of the province of December, 1922, if the line only goes to Duncan, and also in view of the fact that the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway right-of-way had been expected, it will be necessary to go part of the route over private right-of-way, which will add considerably to the original estimate of cost.

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John Reid Held on Charge at Chateau, Montana

Montreal, Jan. 26.—A dispatch to The Calgary Albertan from Lethbridge says:

"With the arrest in Montana of A. J. Davis and his sentence to a term of imprisonment for bank robbery, and the apprehension of Johnny Reid, now in custody at Chateau, Mont., on a bank-robbery charge, Provincial Police here say two ring-leaders of the Montana-Alberta-Saskatchewan and Manitoba safe-cracker gangs are now safely behind the bars after a strenuous search in which the police of several states and provinces co-operated.

It is claimed that Reid and his partner, E. H. Mason and James Wilson, now in custody in Great Falls also and known in vagr circles as "Dutch" Parmount and Harry Miller, enjoyed a period of celebrations up and down the Pacific Coast all last Spring and Summer on the proceeds of their activities during the previous Winter.

BANK WRONGLY REPLEDGED BONDS

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Liquidators of the Home Bank were ordered by the Master-in-Chambers at Osgoode Hall here yesterday to redeem Dominion of Canada war loan bonds to the value of \$33,000, the property of Arthur D. Dines, Toronto, at present in the hands of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation.

According to the judgment, Mr. Cohen arranged with the bank to borrow \$33,000 upon the security of the bonds. The bank, it was ruled, had the right to repelde the bonds until default was made by Mr. Cohen, but the bank immediately afterwards repelled them to the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, as security for a loan of \$32,000, the arrangements being made through a broker.

Of course you are going to the Victoria Press Club revel at the Empire Hotel on St. Valentine's Day.

CANADA'S OUTPUT OF PAPER GREATEST

Hon. T. A. Low Says 1924 Newsprint Total Will Exceed That of U.S.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—A prediction that 1924 would see Canada exceeding in newsprint production the figures of the United States and that Canada would then take her place as the greatest newsprint producer of the world was made by Hon. T. A. Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce, who addressed the Canadian Pulp & Paper Association at the banquet which brought to an end the annual convention of that organization in this city last night.

From a capital of \$22,000,000 with an output valued at \$62,000 and with sixty-eight hands employed by five mills in 1881, he said, the Canadian industry had grown in 1922 to 104 establishments of pulp mills and pulp and paper mills in operation with a total net production valued at \$155,763,300, total employees numbering 28,330, and a capital investment of \$33,000,000.

Exports of newsprint during 1922 totalled 959,515 tons, valued at \$65,322,871, an increase of 250,000 tons over 1921.

JELLINE FAVORS EXAMINATION PLAN FOR THE SCHOOLS

Special to The Times

Jelline does not subscribe to the modern belief that examinations are no test of education. He also believes in prizes for school children.

"You will never get real efficiency in a school if it is business unless there is some form of examination," he said. "I am in favour of a general exam at a leading Auckland school. He admitted that many boys did not do themselves justice in examinations, but on the other hand, other boys did themselves more than justice. "I must say that I place a good deal of confidence in the added amid laughter, "because I was far more successful in examinations than in other sorts of work."

HAVE NEW PLAN FOR STEEL COMPANIES

Stockholders Endeavoring to Take Them Out of Bankruptcy

Montreal, Jan. 26.—Last year Ontario spent \$1,100,000 on forest fire protection, a sum representing more than one-third of the total revenue from forest products derived by the province within the same period. Despite this expenditure, Ontario suffered the greatest loss of its history through forest fires, over 2,000,000 acres being burned.

This was the declaration of Hon. James Lyons, Minister of Lands and Forests of Ontario, in an address before the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, here yesterday.

Improved methods of cutting operations; a better system of fire prevention and better disposal of the slash wood were considered advisable by Mr. Lyons.

BANK SWINDLER HUNTED BY POLICE IN AUSTRALIA

Special to The Times

Sydney, Australia, Jan. 26.—A bank swindler, planned to rob three Australian branch banks of £12,000 or more, got away with £1,000, but lost the remainder through the New Year holiday rush which prevented the working of his ingenious scheme.

He managed to get hold of official bank books, Sydney, and wrote to three branches in the state of Victoria instructing them in the name of the Sydney manager, whose name he forged, that a client, whose name was given, would draw certain amounts up to £12,000 within a few days.

The "client" duly appeared at the Victoria branch banks and at one of them got £2,000. He deposited £1,000 with the bank and took the rest away.

When he went to the other branches, however, his letters of address were missing, the holiday delays in the post office, for which Australia is notorious, had not arrived.

The swindler did not return. The police all over the continent are now looking for him.

EXECUTIONS IN NEW HEBRIDES

Special to The Times

Wellington, N.Z., Jan. 26.—Three natives have expired on the scaffold in the New Hebrides the murder of a white planter named Clapcott on the island of Espiritu Santo last July. Sixteen others were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. They were all compelled to witness the hanging of the chief offenders.

The natives had been told by a white doctor that while the white man remained alive they would have nothing but evil fortune and he used them to kill him. The doctor, while he was sitting on his veranda afterwards cut up the body for ceremonial cannibalism. Pieces were distributed amongst the natives as food.

The "witch doctor" was amongst those hanged. All took their doom stoically.

TWO VIEWS ON OLEOMARGARINE

Special to The Times

Edmonton, Jan. 26.—The nineteenth annual conference of the Alberta Home Economics Association came to a close here last night with the delegates uniting in a strong memorandum to send to the Dominion Government protesting against further permission for the manufacture or sale of oleomargarine in Canada or its importation.

N. S. Clark, of Olds, was elected president, and Calgary will be the place of convention in 1925.

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THE KEY TO OUR PROBLEMS

In his reference to the growing burden of taxation throughout Canada the President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at Hamilton yesterday remarked: "Our taxes are only high in proportion to our population. If our population should treble or double in the next few years we would not have to worry about taxes."

Right there the head of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association put his finger on the key to Canada's economic problems. It is true that stern retrenchment in expenditure is necessary, but there is a formidable minimum of burden arising from the war, soldiers' re-establishment and the operation of the government railroad system, below which it is impossible to go. If immigration could be developed to the volume which marked the decade from 1903 to 1913, as it ought to be and as we hope it will be, the resultant industrial reaction would soon enable the country to bear its burden with comparative ease. The arrangement recently made for assistance to immigrants from the Old Country between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Canada is an important step in that direction. But there are other conditions which must be provided to ensure the profitable settlement of our vacant areas. Tariff restrictions which enhance the cost of the implements of production should be reduced. Transportation rates should be kept within reasonable bounds. As long as these are unreasonable the settler operates under a heavy handicap.

HOW ABOUT THESE FIGURES?

One statement which the Livestock Commissioner for British Columbia made to the dairymen in convention the other day illustrates in itself how several districts in the Province might be made a good deal more prosperous by even a moderate expansion of the dairying industry. He declared that British Columbia produces only twenty-five per cent of the bacon and pork which it requires for its own consumption. But this important truth by no means gives an adequate conception of the shortage in production of the primal essentials of food.

For the fiscal year 1922-1923 it was necessary to import into British Columbia for its own needs 89,887 head of swine practically the whole of which were required for immediate slaughter. In addition to this large number there were also required no less than 2,322,000 pounds of pork and pork products. These items only deal with a portion of the foodstuffs which the human family demands for its dining table. During the same period to which we have referred British Columbia was compelled to import as many as 27,453 head of beef for immediate slaughter and supplement this "food on the hoof" with 2,156,000 pounds of beef and veal in the dressed state. Nor is this all. Our half a million people were short of sheep for their own requirements in 1922-1923 to the tune of 58,709 head as well as 1,853,000 pounds of mutton in butcher-shop state.

In connection with hog production it is a well-known fact that many farmers shy at the industry because of the cost of feed. Let this contention be granted up to a certain point. But is it not a fact that many of the fruit farmers of the Okanagan Valley find it extremely difficult to market their crops at a price that will pay them for their trouble? Is it not equally true that if many of these growers were to sandwich a more active interest in the dairying possibilities of rural enterprise between their single line of effort they would assure a continuous means of ready cash and assist the Province to greater independence in the matter of its food in general?

It is declared by experts that a great part of the Okanagan Valley and several other sections of the Province should be producing more pork and mutton. Fruit growers are differently placed from the ordinary agriculturist who has gone in for mixed farming on smaller scale. Feed cost, for instance, in the case of hog raising is a less formidable problem to the orchardist because the considerable amount of fruit which rots on the ground makes excellent feed for swine. And it is also pointed out in connection with this particular territory that many more sheep could be raised on the mulching crops without any loss in fertilizer.

Volumes of figures could be quoted to show that although there is every facility to produce in British Columbia, we are still compelled to foot a bill of more than \$16,000,000 a year for foodstuffs. Surely here is an argument not only in favor of more intensive culture by those who are already here; but an argument that immediately discounts the contention of some trades unionists who consider it necessary to find every man a job before preaching Canada's need for more people. Reduced to cold fact it means that if British Columbia cannot put itself on the credit side in the matter of dairy products alone, thereby automatically building up the right kind of prosperity, there is something wrong with us.

STAY HOME

According to a press report from Los Angeles the director of the charities department of that city says the work of his department has increased 20 per cent. in the last two months and is still growing rapidly. "Those who swallow their pride and appeal to charity," he says, "are probably only ten per cent. of the actually desti-

tute. Investigators report every tourist camp in Southern California has its quota of indigents."

It is estimated by charities officials that between 1,500 and 2,000 families are stranded in Los Angeles. Fathers of large families who went by motor to what they fondly imagined was a land of plenty—of lucrative jobs for everybody—many cases are actually begging on the streets.

All this corroborates reports received by The Times and duly recorded in these columns during the last few months. Swapping sand lots in subdivisions many miles beyond the city's actual limits is spectacular enough while it lasts, but unless it is based upon actual industrial expansion in the proper proportion it is not a safe criterion of sane, substantial prosperity and progress. The truth is Los Angeles has drawn more people than it can economically accommodate, and many migrants, including Canadians, drawn there by the enchantment which distance so often lends to the view are becoming painfully aware of that fact.

HASTY JUDGMENT

Cabled advices from the Old Country report that considerable feeling has been aroused there by the suicide of Charles Bulpitt, a sixteen-year-old boy from England, on an Ontario farm. In fact it is declared that unless the circumstances surrounding the tragic event are satisfactorily cleared up the whole project of boy emigration from Great Britain to Canada may be dropped entirely.

It is suggested that young Bulpitt, a new arrival in this country, had been ill-treated by his employer and sought death as a way out of a job which was apparently by no means to his liking.

The incident is a melancholy one in itself. But it is altogether too early to jump at conclusions as to where the responsibility lay and decidedly poor policy to use it as an argument against emigration to Canada.

It may be taken for granted that the proper authorities in this country will investigate all the circumstances concerning young Bulpitt's case. Such verdict as may be arrived at will enable the general public on both sides of the Atlantic to draw its own conclusions. Meanwhile judgment and uninformed comment should be suspended in the general interest.

The case in point, however, invites us to point out that among the large number of people which Canada expects from the other side of the Atlantic during the present year there are bound to be some who will not find conditions here what they want. That is inevitable. It is a familiar part of the history of immigration to all new countries. But it is a very small factor, as far as Canada is concerned, when it is thrown in the scale against the hundreds of thousands of British settlers who have succeeded in this country.

Note and Comment

About \$1,000,000 worth of life insurance per day was sold in Canada last year. This is an increase of seventeen per cent. over 1922 and may be taken to show that the arguments employed in insurance advertising have borne fruit.

A special correspondent of The New York World in London has discovered that the Throne is not in danger because Labor is in Downing Street. Of course it is not. Ramsay MacDonald is not a bit more of a democrat than the King or the Prince of Wales.

Only a few years ago, on account of his anti-war attitude, the present leader of the Parliamentary Labor Party of Great Britain was being called Ramsay von MacDonaldbacher. Now he will answer to the title of Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald declares that there are going to be no "drumtight" Cabinet parleys as long as he is Prime Minister. On the contrary he proposes to issue a communiqué after each ministerial assembly and so give the public such information as may be considered advisable or necessary. This ought to be a good start towards a friendly understanding between himself and the newspapermen—a good move, in fact.

Some Thoughts for To-day

God is the perfect poet,
Who in his person acts his own creations.
Robert Browning.

Perplexed and troubled at his bad success
The Tempter stood, nor had what to reply,
Discovered in his fraud, thrown from his hope.
Milton.

When the world dissolves,
And every creature shall be purified,
All places shall be hell that are not heaven.
Marlowe.

Our Contemporaries

THE REAL TROUBLE

Westminster Gazette:—Nothing is more unfortunate than that civilian flying should have come after and not before the conception of the aeroplane as a weapon of offence in war. From that fact has sprung the spirit that suspects the aeroplane and that would set boundaries to the air as narrow and as difficult to penetrate as those prevailing on land.

AGE OF RESOLUTIONS

Calgary Herald:—This is likely to be known as the Resolution Age in that distant future when the King Tut exhumers of the day explore the deposits left in our archives. Where men gather together resolutions seem to be bound to come forward. Resolutions are difficult things to control. It is hard to draw the line beyond which the practice should not go. National organizations get around the trouble to some extent by regulating the flow into a provincial executive's office and sometimes a resolution committee is able to kill off all but the essential and important ones.

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Other People's Views

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legible. Writing in ink is an art and a shorter the chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name and address of the owner. The public interest in the disposal of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the editor.

GERMAN SETTLERS

To the Editor.—The proposed idea of having several hundred Germans brought to this country as settlers is, in my mind, an insult to any British man or woman.

Surely, out of England, Scotland and Ireland, enough men and women could be found of the right type instead of turning to Germany. Any fair-minded person who has had his Great War "brought home" to him should do all in their power to prevent this influx of the most undesirable aliens. About the only excuse there seems to be is that these Germans would work for almost any wage offered.

As settlers, they would be worth about as much as the German mark is—valueless. The sentimental folks would have no objection to the idea of our uniting with them to fight our common enemies, but with some of us, such a thing is out of the question.

The Dean and Rev. Clem Davies are reported as being quite

in favor of bringing the "Run" into Canada to live and cherish the square-headed sons of another town of Belgium, I saw enough in three years "over there" to convince me that to have these men or women amongst decent British people would be very undesirable. As one of three sons, all severely wounded in France and then found a few disgruntled preachers to ask us to forget, I reckon this is an insult to every man or woman who did their bit to suppress these Germans.

ONE WHO WILL NEVER FORGET

NO GERMANS NEEDED

To the Editor.—Referring to the attitude of our Government accepting the Germans as desirable citizens of Canada. I maintain that it is absolutely ridiculous. If they want them why did they not make the expense of wholesale slaughter of human lives and throw away millions of dollars for four years, then put out their hands to them as good fellows "who fought well" irrespective of what they did or what they are.

Black is black and white is white. Once an enemy always one. Then again, there are all the immigrants from our own countries coming out with assisted passages, etc., to go on.

How many will go on the land?

Probably most of them for a short period until the Winter sets in and the majority will then flood the cities, which are already stagnated with unemployed. According to statistics, we are too eager to have a foreign instead of a home market, giving attention to the vital necessities of our own people.

There are enough men here already for any jobs which our most ambitious country has or might have to offer them.

In two or three months, when the authorities under the ordinary process of law employed need a meal, they'll open up a little relief job for half a day, more or less, at \$2.00 per day.

Only the other day Yarrow had about a week's work for 500 men, C.P.R. workers in Victoria, and at the same time our labor office is packed full of unemployed.

You can call it profiteering at the expense of the working man if you like.

ONE OF THE BUNCH

SINGLE TAX

To the Editor.—Your correspondent, Mr. Alex Hamilton, may be interested in the following statement of "The Christian Guardian" (Toronto), on Toronto's single tax vote. Here it is: "Another issue which was the most keenly debated was all the single tax proposal, by which it was voted that the City Council of Toronto should propose to this effect." I am sure that if fortune favored Germany again, France would be "blitzed" again.

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In the winter of 1874-75 Bismarck did try to pick a quarrel with France for his neighbour.

Does a house increase in value above the cost of building? Undoubtedly, or who would take a chance of building? Does a house decrease in value other than by the ordinary process of wear and tear? I think many Victoria house owners have realized this as an economic fact. A building's worth or value may be calculated on what it will produce in the future. When it becomes worth more than the cost of erection new buildings are put up. When they are worth less than this cost, the builders have a period of inactivity. In this connection it might be said that in the first place, when the authorities under the ordinary process of law employed need a meal, they'll open up a little relief job for half a day, more or less, at \$2.00 per day.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING

To the Editor.—Owing to my presence in the city on the 22nd inst. I accepted the invitation to attend the annual convention of the Vancouver Island Farmers' Institutes.

I desire to point out, as chairman of the Advisory Board and representing the Fraser Valley district, that the action of the Cowichan Institute was neither gentlemanly nor British.

It was incredible to me that representatives from such a district could be so unsportsmanlike as to refuse to even hear the reports read and to obstructive methods of that nature.

I sympathize with Cowichan in their fight against the loss of their seat and understand the value they place upon their independence, but they were right in all three contentions.

At the time of the resolution, it was realized that the apartment house on forty feet of land, bringing a gross rental of possibly \$400 or \$500 a month would pay not one dollar more taxes than the house of the working man, located down town, which perhaps he worth \$5,000 and when it was realized that the result of the single tax would almost inevitably be the building of more apartment houses, the lessening the size of the houses and the diminution of all hope of anything like a garden city; when the workers began to realize this there was a regular landslide, and only \$3,17 could be found to vote for the by-law, while 37,172 voted against it. And when 12,000 people signed the single tax petition which was presented to the council. Evidently some of them must have changed their minds with marvelous speed to consider that because Toronto does not endorse single tax, therefore, she does endorse all the faults of the present system.

We think there will be very few to defend the practice of increasing a man's assessment when he parts his house.

This is surely rather irrational assessment. Let us improve the present system by correcting its most glaring defects. This can surely be done without revolutionizing the system.

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Other attempts have been made in the past to make a political football of the farmer's movement, but it has a well-established policy and depends on the continuation of the confidence so long reposed in it by the farmers of the Province.

Regarding the attack on the Minister of Agriculture, our board and myself sincerely believe that the best way to meet this is to just the right stamp to him at this time of severe depression to handle the Agricultural Department. The people of this Province, and other countries also, know too well the cost of executive measures to meet what are after all temporary or passing phases and brought about through world-wide conditions and not restricted to the section alone.

Our board is advised to the Government but not controlled by them, every member being elected in the most democratic manner possible at open gatherings of farmers holding conventions in eight sections of the Province, and all sections of political opinion are thus represented.

The action I witnessed yesterday tends to alienate my sympathies.

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JAMES BAILEY.

JANUARY 24, 1924.

NARROW ESCAPE

To the Editor.—Reading in last night's Times about the sequel to the fire truck accident caused through the negligence of a driver to give a proper signal, I may say that I was a witness, yesterday, to a narrow escape of a lady with a small child at the intersection of Douglas and Yates.

The lady was crossing Douglas Street and a closed car, coming down Yates, suddenly swerved around on to Douglas, without any signal, either horn or hand. Luckily a gentleman had the courage to run and save the lady and child out of danger or a serious accident would have happened.

Are the authorities waiting for a fatal accident before they will compel motorists to give proper warning of their intention to turn?

A PEDESTRIAN.

JANUARY 25, 1924.

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

To the Editor.—On Friday, February 18, I was quoted giving the French-Canadian and French version of the "War Veterans' Plea to Forget the War."

The general public knows not the part played by two of our own most important characters between 1873 and 1875, in an eagle eye the rapid recuperation of France with astonishment and chagrin, for the indemnity which was intended to cripple France for a generation or more was paid off in two years. Bismarck then said that if fortune favored Germany again, France should be "blitzed" again.

In consequence of which, in the year 1875, the French army was sent to the Rh

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Children's Coats, plain or fur trimmed, made of first class materials with belt and pockets. Shades fawn, brown, Saxe, and green. For the ages of 10 to 13 years; \$13.95 value, on sale for \$9.75
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Children's Coats, plain or fur trimmed; fawn, brown and navy; sizes for the ages of 4 to 8 years; odd lines. Values \$5.95 to \$9.75 for
Children's Coats of white, and pink; made with round collars; size for the ages of 3, 4 and 5 years. Values \$4.75 for \$2.98
—Children's, First Floor

Women's Knit Underwear
Priced for Monday

Women's Watson's brand Vests, with V neck, elbow and long sleeves and bias finish, and no sleeves; heavy weight, and fleece lined; sizes 36 to 46. On sale at \$1.30
Women's Zenith Combinations, with long sleeves, button fronts, open crotch and ankle length; wool mixture; sizes 36 to 40; \$2.95 value for \$2.25
Girls' Combinations with high neck, button front, long sleeves and ankle length, wool mixture, zenith brand, suitable for the ages of 2 to 15 years; \$3.75 value for \$1.49
—First Floor

Children's "Buster Brown" Waists
85c Values for 35c

The Buster Brown Waist for Children is regarded as among the best. These we offer are made of strong white cotton with plenty of buttons around the waist line; sizes are for the ages of 2 to 14 years. Regular 85c value for \$35c
—Corsets, First Floor

Women's Aprons and Dresses
On Sale Monday

Gingham Dresses in many desirable colors, in straight line effects gathered at hips. Some are trimmed with white organdie collars and cuffs. All are good grade materials, and big values at \$1.79
Bungalow Aprons of unbleached cotton, with kimono sleeves, finished with colored binding and fastened down the back. On sale at \$6.95
Bungalow Aprons of excellent grade prints, patterned in fancy stripes and offered in all sizes. Special value, each \$8.95
Fancy Print Aprons in "Polly Prim" style. Very neatly finished and on sale at \$5.95
Plain Chambray and Checked Print Aprons, without bib. Special value at \$3.95
—Whitewear, First Floor

Babies' Coatees and Sweaters
Special Value Monday

Hand-Made Coatees Babies' Coatees of silk and wool; will not shrink. Special value \$9.85
\$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.50
Infants' Sweater Coats, in pull-over styles; white and colors. Values \$2.00 and \$3.50
—Infants, First Floor

Fur Skins for Trimmings
Big Values

We have a large selection of excellent grade fur skins for trimmings at special prices. Fine Platinum Hare, in three shades of grey. Special at \$2.95
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Collars, Cuffs and
Vestees, 98c

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Fountain Pens, self-filling, each 59c
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New, Neat Styles

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One-piece Flannel Dresses suitable for house or school wear. Shades are navy, Saxe, grey, fawn brown, camel, orange, henna and peacock blue. The necks are very neatly finished with wool embroidery or linen collars. The sleeves are three-quarter length; sizes 16 to 44. Special value \$6.95

Flannel Dresses with pleated skirts and trimmed with contrasting cuffs, collars and girdles. Some have vestees, others finished with contrasting piping and silk stitching; Sizes 16 to 44. Special value at \$7.95

Flannel Dresses with a broadcloth finish, the skirts are box pleated and they are neatly trimmed with silk soutache braid in Roman stripes. The shades are navy, garnet, rose, Saxe fawn, grey, henna and brown; sizes 16 to 44. Special value at \$8.95
—Mantles, First Floor

Fine Wool Cardigan Sweaters
\$7.95

Dainty Cardigan Sweaters of fine wool and silk and wool. Plain back and sleeves and silk and wool fronts. They fasten with six buttons, have two pockets and are shown in shades of grey, tan and white. Best possible values for \$7.95
—Sweaters, First Floor

Dainty Hand-made Lingerie
Special Values Monday

Lingerie of the finest Nainsook, hand-made and hand-embroidered. There are many designs, and the garments include Gowns, Chemises, Princess Slips, Corset Covers and Drawers.

\$4.50 values, on sale for \$1.98
\$5.90 values, on sale at \$2.98
\$6.75 values, on sale at \$3.98
—Lingerie, First Floor

A Clearance of Chinaware
At Reduced Prices

43-Piece China Dinner Sets, in floral designs, 6 cups, 6 seven-inch plates, 6 five-inch plates, 6 soup plates, 6 fruits, 1 baker, 1 salad, 1 sugar, 1 cream, 1 twelve-inch platter, and 1 bowl. Special, a set \$11.98
Johnson's Semi-Porcelain Dinner Sets, white and gold band, 42 pieces, A set \$8.95
Odd Pieces of White and Gold Dinnerware to clear: Fountain Pens, self-filling, each 45c
Open Vegetable Dishes, at 45c
—China, Lower Main Floor

A Sale of Hand Made
Cluny Laces and
Insertions

These are shown in all patterns and designs—

1/2 inch wide at a yard, 10c, 12c and 15c
1 inch wide, a yard, 25c
29c and 35c
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to 59c
4 inches wide at a yard, 49c to 79c
Irish Crochet Lace, at a yard, 12c to 98c
—Laces, First Floor

New Spun Silk Tailored Blouses
The Latest Styles for \$6.95

These are very dainty blouses, made of a very excellent grade spun silk. Plain tailored style, with convertible collars, long sleeves with turned back button cuffs and trimmed with fine tucks. Cream shade only. Sizes 34 to 44. Remarkable value at \$6.95
—Blouses, First Floor

Women's Scarves and Shawls
At Clearance
Prices
MondayBoudoir Caps and Cami-
Soles at Special Prices

Boudoir Caps of muslin, silk and lace. Shown in all colors and many dainty styles. Special value, each \$6.95

Silk Camisoles, in black and navy. Reg. \$1.50 values for each \$98c
—Laces, Main Floor

Hand Made Filet Laces
On Sale Monday

Laces worth 25c a yard for a yard 13c
Laces in rose pattern, worth 39c a yard for 25c
Laces in oak leaf pattern, worth 79c a yard for 49c
Laces, 7 inches wide, rose pattern; worth \$1.29 for 98c

Cluny Laces, special value, a yard 10c to 79c
Irish Laces, special, a yard, 25c to \$1.49
—Whitewear, First Floor

A January Clearance of
Men's Socks, Monday

Men's Silk and Wool Socks, "Spartan" brand, made in England. These are slightly imperfect, but are remarkable values; black with contrasting stripes. About five dozen to clear. Regular \$1.00 values. On sale at \$59c

Ten Dozen Men's Fine All-wool Golf Hoses, with turn-over tops. These are made in England and are shown in assorted heather and tweed shades. Value to \$2.50. On Sale at a pair \$1.59
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Hardware Bargains on
Monday

"Viko" Aluminum Saucepans, 1-quart size. Special each \$1.95

Copper, Nickel-Plated Teakettles; size No. 50. Regular \$1.85, for \$1.50

Size No. 60. Regular \$2.25, for \$1.98

Size No. 70. Regular \$2.65, for \$2.49

Size No. 80. Regular \$2.85, for \$2.69

Size No. 90. Regular \$2.95, for \$2.89

Sugar Bowls, each 50c

12-Inch Platters, each, 50c

Royal Derby Border Semi-porcelain Dinnerware, made in England; 45-piece sets. Regular, a set \$21.95, for \$12.95

Universal Bread Mixers, 4-loaf size \$4.29

5-loaf size, each \$5.19

—Hardware, Lower Main Floor

Children's Flannelette Wear
For Monday Clearance

Girls' Heavy Flannelette Gowns, shades mauve, pale blue and white, slip-on styles, and others with V neck and long sleeves; sizes for 2 to 13 years. Values to \$1.35 for \$89c

Girls' White Flannelette Bloomers, with elastic at knee and band at waist. These are suitable for the ages of 12, 14 and 16 years; 75c values for \$49c

Light and Heavy Flannelette Bloomers for girls, shades light and dark grey with elastic at waist and knee. For the ages of 2 to 16 years; 75c values on sale for \$49c
—Children's, First Floor

Men's Union Flannel
SHIRTS
Reg. \$2.75 Values for
\$1.65

Men's Union Flannel Shirts, suitable for hard wear, patterned in fancy stripes and made with collar and pocket. Sizes 14 1/2 and 15 only. About two dozen of these to clear at each \$1.65
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Ties on Sale Monday

Odd Lines of Men's Silk Ties, reduced for clearance. Values to \$2.25 for \$1.75

Values to \$2.25 on sale for \$1.95

Values to \$2.00 on sale for \$1.59

Values to \$1.75 on sale for \$1.19

Values to \$1.00 on sale for \$73c

Cashe's Silk and Wool Pop-
lin Ties, narrow tubular
style, stripes and plain
shades. On sale at \$1.00

Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Real Scotch Knit Woolen Gloves, knitted or leather bound wrists; shades heather or grey. Regular 75c values on sale Monday, a pair \$50c
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

A Sale of Men's Gloves Monday

Two Dozen Pairs of Men's White Kid Dress Gloves, small sizes only, 7 and 7 1/2. These are slightly soiled. Regular value 75c, on sale at pair \$25c

25 Dozen Men's Chamoisette Gloves, will wash or clean readily. Mostly small sizes and are suitable for men or women; shades natural, putty, grey or black. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 a pair for \$75c

Six Pairs of Men's White Woolen Gloves, slightly shop soiled; extra good grade. Regular 75c for \$25c

Men's Real Scotch Knit Woolen Gloves, knitted or leather bound wrists; shades heather or grey. Regular 75c values on sale Monday, a pair \$50c
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THIS DEGENERATE AGE

Since Sidewhiskers and Romance Went Out of Fashion Together, What Is Left to Thrill Us
But General McRae and Pola Negri, Asks Mr. Twaddle; Pines for the Days When Men
Were Men and a City Council Fight Meant Pistols, Not Newspaper Interviews

"The trouble," remarked Mr. Augustus Twaddle, as he parked himself in our most comfortable chair to-day—"the trouble with the world is not the collapse of Russia, nor the introduction of radio nor even the P.G.E. The trouble is that all the color has been laundered out of our civilization. Romance was shaved off with our grandfathers' noble beards, leaving existence a naked, sordid thing."

"Think of our politics, our politicians to-day. Gone are the curly locks, the flowing whiskers, the beautiful, checked trousers, creased down the sides, and in their place, what? Tired, emotion-

less business men with faces clean-shaven like pale moons and souls as romantic as the Johnson Street News. The world is a bazaar to public life in the days when a member of Parliament could shake a yard or so of whiskers impressively at the admiring electors. You could put some confidence in a man with a mustache who suddenly thrust it self out like two far digits from either side of his face. The public knew it was safe in the hands of a statesman whose beard reached to his belt."

"And in those days men were men. When they were annoyed they did not make statements which would paper—those thoughts. Take that little row in the City Council the other day when Mayor Hayward asked Alderman Woodward to leave his seat and Alderman Woodward anchored himself to his chair more tightly than ever. In the good old days it

was entirely satisfied. The party then adjourned for refreshments. "Nor," Mr. Babbie complained, "is there any thrill in our Legislature. The nearest the House appears to be is a point of interest last session, that is, when Capt. Ian Mackenzie threatened to knock Mr. Pooley 'as far as'—No definite distance was stated, nothing definite was done. Fifty years ago you would have read this in the newspapers:

THE LEGISLATURE

Interesting Incident

The Speaker took his chair at 2:30. Little of interest occurred.

Mr. Pooley spoke at length

against a law to allow the use of

a new machine called the tele-

phone, observing in conclusion

that Capt. Mackenzie should be

ashamed of himself. Capt. Mac-

kenzie denied the statement and

said that there would knock the

Exquisite Member as far as the

North Pole or further if he con-

sidered it advisable. (cheers).

Approaching Mr. Pooley, he

struck him a resounding blow

under that gentleman's heavily-

bearded chin. (Hear! hear!).

A DISPUTE

Mr. Pooley replied in a similar

manner and the House suspended

business in order to view the

proceedings more carefully.

Several Opposition Members

awoke. Mr. Bowser, his short,

silky whiskers bristling with just

for whom he could feel little respect and said he would meet the Alderman on Beacon Hill Park at a convenient time and deal with the matter further. The Council then adjourned.

This morning the Mayor and Alderman Woodward, with their seconds, walked to Beacon Hill Park. Neither spoke the other. It was evident that some feeling existed between them. The Mayor's silky beard bristled aggressively and Alderman Woodward stroked his side-whiskers nervously. On the way the party met Chief of Police John Haywood, who was enforcing the by-laws against the operation of a new and devilish machine called the automobile on city streets. The Chief inquired why the party was carrying pistols and when informed of the plan afoot, he urged



The Hayward-Woodward duel, as shown in a rare old print. The Mayor, his silky whiskers bristling aggressively, is seen on the right, while Alderman Woodward is at the left. Behind him stand, left to right, Alderman Sangster, Alderman Todd and Alderman Andros, rather bored, by the proceedings.

would have been really worth while. The newspapers of that time, refusing to become excited over anything, would have reported the affair like this:

THE CITY HALL

Interest Incident

The City Council met Monday night at 8:05 p.m. Little of interest occurred. Alderman Woodward rose and stated that he would rise and say the "Fine" Council had recent transactions constituted the foulest piece of business of which the Alderman had any knowledge. Mayor Haywood thereupon asked Alderman Woodward to retract, characterizing the Alderman's statement as being "discrediting and low." He suggested that if the Alderman did not wish to retract he should abandon his seat. Alderman Woodward replied that he would do either; he proposed to retain his seat as long as he saw fit and what was the Mayor going to do about it?

AN ARGUMENT

After another argument Alderman Woodward resorted to his customary course of throwing his inkwell at His Worship's head, the projectile as usual, doing considerable damage to the Mayor's headband and whiskers. Several Aldermen urged Alderman Woodward to apologize and to strengthen their arguments, dealt him many vigorous blows with chairs and other weapons and sent him home in an ambulance. The Mayor then stated that Alderman Woodward was a man

the aldermen to be careful not to injure the flower beds in the past and expressed his hope that the gathering would be entirely successful.

Alderman Woodward, having examined the Mayor's pistol, suggested that, after all, the dispute might be settled amicably, so the Mayor gave an example of Alderman Woodward's artillery, generously agreed to this proposal. The gentlemen present who were not going to fight, however, declared that this plan was absolutely impracticable and the combatants slowly took up their positions. Alderman Woodward, valiant to the last, expressed deep concern lest the Mayor's accurate aim might rob the city of one of its most valuable servants. In his last word, uttered with a dying feeling, the Mayor implored Alderman Sangster to see that the city's garbage collection system did not suffer as a result of his absence in the future.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE

At a signal from Alderman Todd they fired. Alderman Woodward stated that he died content, convinced that the improvement tax was but a passing whim and that single-handed he had triumphed. It was discovered, however, that he was somewhat mistaken, the seconds having taken the precaution to remove the bullets from the pistols well in advance. Alderman Sangster said, "No," read those things again. There's not much left in life." B.H.

Hyva Corporation, a Sinclair concern, for \$88,000 and alleged to have been drawn in favor of Thomas Johnson, foreman of Mr. Fall's New Mexico ranch. Archie Roosevelt and G. D. Weinberg, Sinclair's secretary, will be recalled in this phase of the inquiry.

FALL TO TESTIFY

But the committee will be diverted only temporarily from the \$100,000 and \$25,000 loans. Mr. Fall will be asked next Monday to explain these loans to the committee. He has been accused of being guilty of any criminal intent, but he feels the evidence already adduced requires explanation and investigation.

In the President's view, two questions already are indicated. One, and the more important, is to bring to justice anyone who has dealt with the situation in any way that is in violation of the criminal laws; the other is to see whether the Government has suffered any injuries by the conduct of the committee. If the leases do not seem proper, action looking to their annulment will be taken.

WILL INVESTIGATE

With respect to possible criminal phases of the matter, it was made clear that there was no disposition to jump at conclusions; that investigation would be left to the appropriate authorities to see where any criminal action would lie. It was pointed out that criminal action could not be started on rumors; that substantial evidences which could be presented to a grand jury and at a trial would be required.

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OIL INQUIRY IN U.S.
ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Leases of Naval Reserve
Lands Investigated

A. B. Fall, Who Was Interior
Secretary, Received Loans

Washington, Jan. 26.—Simultaneously with the disclosure yesterday in the Senate oil inquiry of another unpaid loan to fall, Interior Secretary Fall, who was Secretary of the Interior when President Coolidge was preparing to take every action to protect the public interest and to punish these guilty of any wrongdoing.

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ago. Having received evidence of two loans to Fall, the Senate committee will turn its attention next to a further effort to clear up testimony regarding cancelled cheques of the

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EVENTS TO COME

The third of Dean Coleman's lectures on psychology will be delivered at the Victoria College at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, the subject being "Conscious Mind and the Psychology of Thinking." All interested in this subject are heartily invited to be present.

The King's Daughters will hold their monthly business meeting in their rest room on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Sir James Douglas P.T.A. have arranged a progressive \$500 party for Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the school.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Children's Picture Mission will continue their services in the Reformed Episcopal Sunday School, Humboldt Street, every night at 7:30 o'clock.

The City Council works committee yesterday agreed to loan machinery and supply rock at cost price to put the private road at the Rithet docks in shape, such work to be done by the company.

The City Council will forward a testimonial to F. H. Allwood, who was engineer supervising construction on the Johnson Street bridge, upon the completion of his engagement, paying tribute to the work he did on that undertaking.

Action was deferred upon the Jitney question as it affects the Johnson Street bridge and road, by the City Council public works committee yesterday afternoon, as the Victoria West Brotherhood wishes to submit a proposal after consultation with the Esquimalt Council.

The Star Bungalow Construction Company has taken out a permit for a house at 2518 Quadra Street, costing \$3,000. Private garage permits have been issued to Mrs. J. Jourdan, for 609 Burnside Road, T. Hurley for 1520 Burnside Road, and to L. Williams for 422 Craigdarroch Road.

On the suggestion of Alderman Kerr, the City Council in committee has decided to ask the police commission to report on the parking regulations for the downtown. Mr. Kerr, declaring that the commission should establish time-limits for parking according to the character of the traffic on the streets.

The Saanich Central Ratepayers' Association met last night at the Royal Oak School to consider the annual report of the Council for the year 1923. The report was well received and a volume of suggestions discussed. The report met with favorable criticism, and from a financial standpoint was deemed most satisfactory.

"Queen Elizabeth" will be the subject of a most interesting address to be given by Mrs. L. Adams-Bek at the Empress Hotel on Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Cameron Chapter, I.O.D.E. The address will consist of a series of historical lectures to be given by this well-known authoress, and it is anticipated that the series will be a most popular one.

The local executive committee of the Canadian Legion has appointed the president of the recent mass meeting has unanimously appointed Fred Landsberg as its president, and added the following to its membership: Joseph Patrick, J. B. Clearyhouse, M.P., Alderman, G. D. Christie, Rev. Father Wood, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. A. de B. O'Neil, Mr. Herbert Prud'ray, David Spencer, Dr. T. W. Butler and Staff-Capt. Jaynes.

Inquiries at the Jubilee Hall this afternoon elicited the fact that William C. Thompson, a young man, "died in a serious accident recently" was progressing favorably. The injured man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Appleton, Lady-smith, was standing in the Extension work when a rock dropped from the roof pinning him to the ground. He was rushed to Victoria where an expert showed fracture of one limb.

Fines of \$1 each and a warning were imposed for the first of a host of motoring infractions, including failure to stop at a red light with failure to have the 1924 license plates on their respective cars in time. A long list of offenders passed before the court, and with few exceptions contributed their \$1 to the city coffers. Here and there an accused made a stand in defense of police evidence, but the court considered few excuses as lawful, after the warnings given.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the N.M.C. inter-quadrennial meeting last evening, and reported that all the sub-committees were appointed and had entered on their several duties. A special committee of stewards have been appointed to act under the master of ceremonies. Frank G. Mulliner. Tickets are now on sale in the local merchants' stores in the city, and can also be obtained from any member of the committee. The Colonist or the secretary, W. H. Price. The ball will be held on February 14.

A general meeting of the Naval Veterans will be held Tuesday with a good attendance. Matters of importance were discussed, some being held over until the annual meeting for election of officers which will take place in the assembly hall of the Army and Navy Veterans' Club on Thursday next, January 31. Money is being collected for the war service men to attend. Nominations for the various positions on the executive have been handed in which makes a ballot necessary.

J. Vandepant, of New Westminster, will visit the city on Thursday, January 31, to give an illustrated lecture on pictorial photography, under the auspices of the Victoria Photographic Society. Mr. Vandepant is one of the leading pictorialists of the Dominion and his work has been accepted and awarded honors at the leading salons, including the Royal Photographic Society of London, the London Salon, Photographers' Congress, London, Ontario, San Francisco, Oakland, Washington and Seattle. The exhibition of slides sent by the Royal Photographic Society and representing work from as far back as 1845 will be shown, also an exhibition of work by Mr. Vandepant. The lecture will be held at the Girls' Central School.

The business we saw were optimistic and light-hearted," declared Col. Griggs. "They were hustling. The impression we gained was that though governmental action has been against the granting of a large budget for the rebuilding of the Tokio port, sentiment and the people in favor of this project remains strong. I believe a start will be made on the creation of a new Tokio and that the project will eventually be carried out."

"We found there were immense quantities of lumber in Yokohama, much of it having been taken there before the earthquake. This quantity was put at 200,000,000 feet, with 100,000,000 feet more on the water bound for Tokio."

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Cougars Thrill Fans With Another Great Victory In Overtime

Archie Briden Saves Cougars From Defeat in Third Period By Scoring Tying Goal and Then Pockets Puck Twenty-five Seconds After Extra Period Started For Winning Tally; Halderson's Return to Form Made Cougars Look Much Better; Third Overtime Game Maroons Have Lost to Victoria

Archie Briden, sorrel-topped beauty of the Cougars, pushed his team into the Hall of Fame last evening when he broke up the fourth overtime game this season between the Victoria and Vancouver teams.

After Briden had saved the Cougars from defeat in the third period by hustling a screching shot past Huglie Lehman for the tying-goal he proceeded to draw more plaudits from the fans by snatching victory from the Maroons in the overtime.

The end came before most of the fans had wiggled themselves into position. Referee Ion faced off the puck and, after Fredericksen had done a spin with the referee, Briden sniped it in centre ice and skipped down the left boards. Instead of shooting after crossing the blue line, in response to the clamorings of the fans, Archie held on but Duncan forced him off into the corner. Hart was fidgeting about in front of the Vancouver net looking for a pass but Briden snatched the puck and shot it. Briden let fly with what might have been either intended as a pass for Hart or a shot at Lehman. But whatever was in Archie's head matters little for the puck squeezed into the net and Victoria won.

OVER QUICKLY.

It required only twenty-five seconds for Briden to decide the issue. It was rather sad that Lehman should be beaten by such a sneaker. During the regulation three periods, his personal record was 100% from scratch by one of the greatest exhibitors of goal tending he has been seen here in years. For a time it looked as though the puck was doomed to stay out of the Vancouver cage for the evening, but eventually Briden had to give in. The Maroons, however, were entreated to "shout" as they had been beaten enough by Old Lady Luck. Briden's winning shot struck Lehman's skate and, instead of flying out into play as "Eagle-Eye" had planned it, took a mean glance and slipped into the net.

The game was packed full of thrills. There was a lot of fast-skating, considerable combination, spectacular goal-tending, good defensive plays and a great variety of checking.

GOALS HARD TO GET.

With half the third period gone it began to look as though Vancouver would walk off with the trophy as they were playing a tight defensive game and getting little about their offense. The Cougars fought furiously but Lehman was holding up his end in a miraculously manner. Loughlin, Halderson and Hart made some sparkling plays but no goals resulted.

Enter Archie "Eagle-Eye" Briden. Joining the Cougars last week, Archie promised to show the fans how much he liked them and gave them fresh heart and hope when he finally made Lehman ease off in his cruel treatment of Victoria. When the goal umpire's hand went up signifying a goal, the crowd went wild. And when Meekings noticed the shot as they were encircled in a small war near centre ice, between Meekings and Boucher.

GOING WAS ROUGH.

The going was particularly rough in spots and it was quite noticeable that the Cougars have learned how to take care of themselves this last week. The Maroons were not handled with gloves and when they vented their heavy checking upon Hart, becoming apparently anxious to hit him off his feet, the Cougars were tossed about every time that they tried to get through. The body-checking told on Skinner and he was slowed up in the first period and could not get going the rest of the night.

Referee Ion let the boys ruffle their hair and both sides got away with plenty of back-cumpling. Six penalties were handed out three to each club.

HALDERSON BACK-IN FORM.

The most pleasing feature of the game next to Briden's two goals, was the return to form of "Slim" Halderson. The tall boy played like he did last year when he was the sensation of the Coast League. He seemed to have regained his strength on the offensive, running and getting in the net, and standing right in the Maroons when they came in on his side of the defence. With "Slim" on his feet again the work of Clem Loughlin and Hec Fowler also improved as the element of nice cleances and "Slim's" offensive was very brilliant.

The Cougars worked hard all through the game and had it not been for the great saves made by Lehman, after the Vancouver defence had been baffled, they would have won by a good deal.

Conrad had to have forty-five shots on goal, while the Maroons tested Fowler by thirty-three times. In the second period Victoria had two shots to Vancouver's one.

COUGARS GOT THROUGH.

The Maroons adopted the Cougars' style of three men abreast on the defence, Duncan, MacKay and Cook forming the protection for Lehman. Despite this, the Cougars broke through. The tall boy, who had not many minutes old when Halderson twisted around until he came within touching distance of Lehman, looked like a goal but Lehman was the master of the goal. Meekings, who had held Hart, slipped between Duncan and Cook and drew Lehman out but Huglie's pads were too big and Harry shot into them. Fowler made a nice save of Skinner's bouncing shot and Loughlin carried the ball to the other end where he found an open net. Halderson followed up with a great rush and the puck crossed the goal line and the umpire's hand went up. Vancouver protested that Halderson had shoved the puck in with his hand and Referee Ion consulted Al Lindsay, the umpire, who agreed with Skinner and used his power getting the rubber in. A foul-off was ordered amid a lion-like roar from the fans.

MAROONS' ONLY GOAL.

Vancouver obtained its only goal at the eightieth-eight seconds before the end of the period. MacKay broke fast down left wing and his shot, from about fifteen feet out, trickled toward Fowler's skates. The Maroons appeared content to nurse along the goal they had gained

Regina Keeps in Race by a Lucky Win Over Sheiks

Saskatoon Outplayed the Capitals But Were Beaten in Overtime

Regina, Jan. 26—Regina stayed in the Western Canada Hockey League lead when in an overtime game, there, defeated the leading Saskatoon Sheiks 1-0. It was a heart-breaking game for the Saskatoon team to lose. They had half a dozen chances to score during the game but the breaks were not with them.

The end came 2:18 after the overtime started. Newell, breaking away in front of the Regina net and passing the puck as soon as he reached the goal, sent it over the crossbar and opportunity to put the game on ice.

The Regina man shot the rubber waist high past Hainsworth. The Saskatoon goal had no chance to stop it.

The three-man defense of the visitors held—Regina team helpless for most of the way. Though they rained shots in on Hainsworth, they were mostly from outside the defense and easy to handle.

HAD HARD LUCK.

On the other hand Scott and Cook penetrated the Capital's territory often and in the lead, kind of keeping them from scoring.

In the first period Saskatoon clearly outplayed Regina, the second was even, while the third went to the Sheiks by a narrow margin.

McCusker, who had been the best man on the ice, had a remarkable performance. Dick Irvin and Newell also starred for Regina. Cook and Reise starred for Saskatoon. "Newey" Lalonde played only a few minutes.

The double referee system had its tryout and showed but little advantage over the one-man arrangement.

With both men keeping their eyes on the puck, considerable rough play escaped their notice, particularly in the first period, when Saskatoon was the better team.

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First and second period—No score. Overtime—1, Regina; Irvin from Newell, 2:18. Referees—Cook and Gardiner.

Fourth Member of Boucher Family to Play Pro Hockey

Ottawa, Jan. 26—Bobby Boucher, twenty, is the fourth member of his family to join the ranks of the professionals in the hockey world. He will join the Montreal Canadiens at Toronto and will likely play in his first professional game here to-night. His professional hockey playing career is to be George with Ottawa Senators; Frank, with Vancouver, and Billy, with Montreal Canadiens.

Finance Programme of Basketball Games at 'Y' Gym To-night

All roads will lead to the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium to-night, where a fine evening's entertainment is arranged for those who are interested in basketball matches scheduled to be played under the auspices of the Sunday School Basketball League.

It is expected that one of the finest crowds of the season will be on hand when Referee "Bud" Hocking toots the whistle at 7:45 p.m. And the boys will line up to see that the fast Metropolitan five to finally decide their last game, which went five minutes overtime, still remaining a tie. This game should be a thriller from start to finish.

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AT THE THEATRES

Pickford Studio Worked Overtime in "Pollyanna"

Mary Pickford established a record for building up a picture set during the filming of "Pollyanna," the first photoplay for United Artists Corporation, which is being shown at the Playhouse Theatre to-day.

Under the supervision of Max Parker, art director, a dozen sets were erected at one time on the Pickford stage at the Brunton Studio in Hollywood. It was Mary's

TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS

Capitol—The Flaming Passion Playhouse—The Runaway Girl Dominion—Ashes of Vengeance Columbia—The Grail

plan to start shooting at one end of the stage and go straight through to the other, until every interior had been taken.

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Does it pay to mock convention? The question is asked in "Flaming Youth," a stirring picture of Fabian's poly-romantic novel, which is being shown all next week at the Royal Theatre.

The heroine of the story, Patricia Fentress, comes to the conclusion that men are the culprits.

She observes that the marriage of her parents, her sisters and of her associates turn our unsuccessful and unhappy—then she, falls in love.

To marry would spoil the romance of love, she reasons. But how does her experiment—her revolt against the conventions—result? The answer forms the plot of a most unusual photoplay.

In the vivacious National picture of present day life, Colleen Moore plays the leading role, that of the philosophical girl. Other members of the cast are Milton Sills, Elliott Dexter, Myrtle Stedman, Sylvia Breamer, Betty Francisca, Phillips Carpenter, Mary McAllister and Betty Francisco.

"Ashes of Vengeance" is an historical romance of the days of Charles the First and the Cromwellian period—Catherine de Medici.

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LABOR TO SHUN RASH AND RISKY MOVES

Faith Healing Approved by Anglican Body

Archbishop of Canterbury Urges Religious Treatment of Emotion Diseases

Amateurs Who 'Depart From Legitimate Fields' Are Criticized

London, Jan. 24.—The attitude of the Anglican Church toward faith healing will be revolutionized if favorable action is taken on a report recently presented to the Right Reverend the Archbishop of Canterbury appointed to study the matter. This committee consists of seven bishops, headed by the Bishop of Oxford, five leading doctors and eight ministers. It was appointed to investigate faith healing and to make formal recommendations for or against its adoption by the Church.

The full report now issued, in effect, that methods hitherto confined to the Church of Christ, Scotland, or to popular belief should be established as part of the Anglican ritual. There is an important distinction, however, in that while the majority of the faith healing cults flout the medical profession, the Church of England does not disown doctors, but proposes that the direct power of moral and spiritual suggestion be allied with scientific knowledge.

NO SEPARATE BAPTIST MINISTRY

No separate Baptist ministry of healing is planned to be created in the Church of England, nor is licensing of individual healers or official recognition of healing societies recommended. The Archbishop of Canterbury struck a note of caution in concluding the report, disclaiming responsibility for its contents—*at the same time he goes on record as asserting that the members of the committee "are men of capacity" whom he thought well qualified to handle the subject.*

The general tenor of the report may be summed up in the following recommendation: "The Church must sanction methods of religious treatment of bodily disease, but in doing so must give full weight to the scientific discipline of the time which involves the inter-relation of spirit, mind and body."

The report declares flatly that "it is not the function of the Church to apply its means of restoration to no higher end than the recovery of bodily health" and adds, "no single person is called to claim to do what it is the duty of physicians and surgeons to do."

At the same time, in the suggestion of two forms of service for use in ministering the sick, the committee does "not ignore the considerable evidence that those who definitely apply truths of Christianity to patients suffering in mind and body have obtained remarkable results in many cases."

DESIRE MEDICAL AID

They add, however, that they have found "no case of healing which cannot be paralleled by similar cures wrought by physicians without reliance and by instances of spontaneous healing which often occur in the gravest cases of ordinary medical practice."

Similarly, the committee found no cases in which those practicing spiritual healing did not desire to work with the medical profession.

ENTERS POLITICS

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THE PRINCE'S COTTAGE

London, Jan. 26.—The Prince of Wales has contributed fifty pounds toward the cost of a cottage which is being built for the occupancy of a disabled ex-service man and his family. Four such houses already have been built by Princess Mary.

RAMSAY MACDONALD UNIQUE AMONG BRITISH PREMIERS

Poorest Man Who Ever Held Office, First Teetotaler, Best Informed By Travel and Study on British Empire; He Is Spartan in Habits, Nevertheless He Plays Golf



JEAN (LEFT) AND ISHIEL MACDONALD, DAUGHTERS OF FAMOUS BRITISH STATESMAN, WHO ROSE TO FAME FROM SOIL OF FARM IN SCOTLAND.

By MILTON BRONNER

Special Dispatch to The Victoria Times

London, Jan. 26.—To be the first Labor-Socialist Prime Minister of Great Britain would of itself be enough to give James Ramsay MacDonald a sure place in the history of his country. But he has other things, too, that make him unique in the long line of British Premiers:

He is the first chief officer of the crown sprung from a family of humble farm-laborers.

He is the poorest man who has ever held the office.

He is the first teetotaler who has ever held the office.

He has traveled to and studied on the spot more portions of the British Empire than any Prime Minister in history.

So it will be gathered that a very interesting, very human figure has suddenly emerged into the full blaze of publicity and attention over here.

MacDonald's career is something like that of some Canadian political leaders. He had no royal road to preferment. His parents had to work hard for a living and the boy had to take his share of the hardships.

At twelve he knew what it was to labor on the poor stony soil of a Scottish farm. But he had all the intense desire of the Scot for learning and the intense will of the Scot to obtain it.

He got out of the free schools of Lossiemouth, where he was born fifty-seven years ago, all the book knowledge available to him. He lit the candle at night. Before he attained his majority he blossomed out as a typical young Scottish school teacher. He had left the plough and the scythe behind him and placed his foot on the first rung of the ladder that led upwards.

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VESUVIUS AGAIN ACTIVE

—The activity of Vesuvius, which began mildly a short time ago, has grown more serious. Enormous blood-red flashes have been lighting up the whole cone, which appears to be red-hot, and smoke and cinders shot out in large quantities.

MacDonald lives in a plain little home out in the Hampstead section of London. He owns a small farmhouse type of home at his birthplace, Lossiemouth, Scotland.

His tastes are of almost Spartan simplicity. He doesn't drink liquor at all. He is a non-smoker except in times of great stress when he is sometimes seen to puff at a cigarette. He is no gourmand. Plain Scotch fare is to be found on his table.

His favorite amusements are golf, as one would expect of a Scot, and walking. Accompanied by one of his sons he loves to take long tramps.

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Tax on Betting in England Fails to Gain Support

It is Illegal But Law is Not Enforced, Except Against the Poor

House of Commons Report Now Out; Say Levy Would Bring in \$25,000,000

London, Jan. 26.—The extent to which betting on race horses is prevalent in the country is illustrated strikingly by a report of the House of Commons committee appointed last year to consider the possibility of imposing a tax on these transactions. The report, just concluded, declared that the betting is practical, but does not recommend the imposition of such a tax.

It is understood that, in the opinion of members of Parliament, about \$25,000,000 could be obtained for the exchequer by a tax on the bookmakers, but the committee recommended that the tax be imposed on the organized bodies as the Nonconformist churches, however, has been so strong that, especially with the Labor government now apparently about to take office, it is doubtful whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have time to add this new item to his revenue.

RELEASER TO SCOTLAND

The committee's report shows graphically conditions obtaining here to-day. To understand this, it is necessary to remember that, as the law now stands, all betting is forbidden in England. A way out, however, is found by the large bookmakers, who establish offices in Scotland, to which, theoretically, all bets are related. There are even more positive illustrations of the impossibility of enforcing unpopular laws is shown by the fact that all on race-course cash bets not only are sanctioned, but are even protected by police. For example, a person who can afford open credit with the bookmakers or who do not attend the races at all that the committed of the House of Commons found the greatest harm being done.

These people wager their money with the "street bookies"—that is, the bet small sums, ranging from three pence to ten shillings, with agents who hang about saloons and general stores, sometimes even calling from house to house. For some reason, these agents are the only ones who are ever prosecuted.

The committee notes that "a rich man can bet to any extent without incurring penalty, while a poor man, if he bets at all, is liable to criminal penalties. There is evidence that this inequity produces a strong feeling of resentment among large numbers of the population."

POLICE ALSO PLACE BETS

Investigators add further that the task of curbing street betting is difficult because the popular, not only the side of the bettors, but the police, who bet themselves, dislike being ordered to arrest the casual "bookies." Newspaper comment on the committee's conclusions is both entertainments and informative.

The Daily Herald, the Labor organ, while it devotes a daily page to the prevalence of betting and to the depressed conditions among the working classes, says: "It is foolish to think we are about to bring in a law which will have altered the social conditions out of which it grows."

The Daily Chronicle, a Liberal organ, in rather milder terms, indorses The Herald's views, while the Conservative papers ignore the subject altogether.

MISS LOFTUS AND MISS CHASE

London, Jan. 26.—"Whiskers for waiters" will be the new slogan of London hotel world, if the precedent set by a leading Kensington hotel is followed by its competitors.

The management of this hotel has laid down a rule requiring all of the male staff, numbering 150, to grow and wear uniform whiskers, especially trimmings scheduled are the "sideboard" and the "muttonchop."

It is not known whether the object of the ordinance is to prevent confusion between waiters and dukes or stockbrokers or other diners. The waiters' union has taken no action so far, and the staff is accepting the rule in a competitive spirit.

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ONE OF BRITAIN'S HISTORIC AND MOST CHARMING LANDMARKS



This famous medieval castle is regarded as one of the finest examples of construction, having escaped the ravages of war to a far greater extent than many of the baronial halls of the Old Country. It has been successively in the hands of the Newburghs, Beauchamps, Nevilles, Plantagenets, Duxelles, and the present family (the Grevelles), for whom the title was revived in 1759. The Grevelles descend through a branch from the Beauchamps.

Two of the holders of the title are famous in English history. Richard Neville, "the King Maker," who played a great part in the Wars of the Roses, and John Dudley, who took an active share in the placing of Lady Jane Grey on the throne of the Tudors, and was executed. There is another holder of the title, Richard Beauchamp, who is not so well known to history but nevertheless was a notable military and administrative figure in the reigns of Henry V. and Henry VI.

The principal towers of Warwick Castle are the Gateway, Caesars tower, and Guy's tower, dating from the fourteenth century, which surround a beautiful lawn and gardens. The modern apartments overlook the river Avon. A serious fire occurred in the castle in 1871, but many of the rooms then damaged have been restored. The castle is beautifully situated near the river and adjacent to the old town of Warwick. The fifth Earl of Warwick died last week.

NEW GOVERNMENT DANGER MAY LIE IN INACTION; NOTED WRITER DECLares

Nervous, "Stupid" Electors Will Learn That New Premier and His Ministers Are Sane and Normal Englishmen, He Says; Term of Office May Be Brief, But Ambition Will Be to Avoid Gross Blunders; Proposed Policies Are Analyzed

By H. N. Brailsford

Noted British Labor Thinker and Writer

London, Jan. 26.—Labor's term of office which started this week will probably be brief; but if we avoid gross blunders, it cannot fail to turn to our advantage.

The two chief obstacles to our growth in the past have been: 1. Reasonable doubt as to whether we have the capacity to govern, and—

2. The power of the bogies dressed up by our opponents. Whatever else may happen we shall banish the cruder of these nightmares.

The danger is not that we shall do anything risky and rash; it is that we may fail to do anything at all.

There are at present millions of quiet but stupid electors who have been taught to believe that we shall loot their comfortable villas, desecrate their churches and wallow in their blood. They will gradually realize that we are sane and normal Englishmen.

As to capacity, we shall have the advantage of succeeding the least distinguished Ministry in recent history. Our Cabinet may contain rather too many of the older leaders, whose services cannot be disregarded. The younger men, whether manual workers or "intellectuals," may have to shine in minor posts.

MACDONALD WELL EQUIPPED

Two offices have caused some anxiety—those of Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr. MacDonald—who has gained through travel and through the close intercourse of more than twenty years with the leaders of the European Socialist movement, an intimate knowledge of foreign affairs which Sir Edward Grey, for example, lacked when he took office—is obviously the man to conduct our foreign policy. He has, moreover, the personality and dignity which this office demands. Unfortunately he is also the best man for the daily leadership of the party in the House of Commons. These are both exacting posts, and even with his zest for work, it is doubtful if he can combine them.

PHILIP SNOWDEN NO "RED"

Those of us who agree with Maynard Keynes in thinking that the conservatism and inconsistency of British currency policy since 1918 are the cause of the appalling dimensions and the protraction of our trade crisis have been anxious that a man of supple mind and financial capacity, open to new ideas and capable of bold action, should be Chancellor of the Exchequer. Philip Snowden has claims to this post. No one doubts his great ability, his oratorical power, or his mastery of his subject. But he is a Conservative mind, and it is only his steadiness in opposing the war and his habit of indulging in biting epigrams which have caused people outside the party to regard him as an "extremist." He would be the safest of orthodox chancellors, even at a time which calls for bold innovation.

THREE CHIEF TASKS

There is no room for doubt as to the aims which will guide the party. Its first task, one might even say its sole task, will be to tackle our colossal problem of unemployment. It will recognize Russia, and endeavor by credit facilities to expand our trade with her. It will attempt with a single mind what poor Mr. Baldwin, with a divided Cabinet and a hostile press, failed to achieve—the rescue of Germany. Up to a point and in general terms there is on all three topics a measure of agreement between the Liberals and ourselves. It remains to be seen how long they will tolerate our handling of them in detail.

ENDING UNEMPLOYMENT

As to monetary policy I can say nothing, for vital though I believe it to be, it is a subject which neither the daily papers, nor the platform orators have begun to discuss. The four political weeklies, The Spectator (Conservative), The Nation (Liberal), The New Statesman ("Right" Labor) and my own paper, The New Leader ("Left" Labor) are all, oddly enough, in agreement. But the bankers are at variance, and the attitude of parties, when at last the question forces itself upon us, is unpredictable.

OVERSEAS TO MEET WELLS
LACKED NERVE TO KNOCK

Author of Main Street Lingered by the Hedgerow, Gazing Longingly at Master Puffing His Pipe

It was about the time that Sinclair Lewis had finished his downward descent in journalism from \$35 a week to \$12.50 a week as a manuscript reader for a New York publisher that he took the notion to go to England, to have at least a look at H. G. Wells. According to Mr. Lewis' confession that a wasn't so very long ago, either. But never mind the exact date.

It was about this time that Sinclair Lewis was greatly influenced by the writings of H. G. Wells, and it was the ambition of his fair young life to meet Wells, to sit at the feet of the Master. He was tired of his \$12.50 job as reader of manuscripts—most of them so stupid, dull and banal that they drove him wild—so he determined to make a literary pilgrimage to the home of H. G. Wells.

He crossed the Atlantic on a cattle boat as a valet to a deckload of steers, and he walked around England and saw it pretty thoroughly on the cheap. In veneration, he visited the home, business and literary haunts of H. G. Wells.

Once he lingered by the hedgerow, and gazed longingly at the Master, puffing his pipe at his ease in his library. Young Mr. Lewis longed to summon up courage enough to knock on the door and ask to see the great author and tell him how his books had helped and inspired him. But young Mr. Lewis, just off the cattleboat, realized he was shabby. His resolution faltered, and he turned and walked away through the darkness to London.

But, to show that sometimes things come true as we long and hope for, it may be said right here that after the great success of "Main Street," when it was the talk of the English reading world and the royalties were rolling in, Sinclair Lewis journeyed abroad again—this was within the year—and was feted and cordially acclaimed by all the literary lights of London and of all these celebrated English writers none was more cordial than H. G. Wells. And when Lewis told him of how he had crossed in a cattle boat, mainly to see him, Wells gripped his hand in appreciation, too deeply stirred to make reply.

But Sinclair Lewis believes that Wells would have received him kindly had he had the courage to knock at the door and say that he had crossed the ocean on a cattle boat to see and speak to the author of "The War of the Worlds," "The Days of the Comet" and "Tono Bungay."

A Smoked Human Ham
Over Sir Harry's Head

Cannibals With Whom Noted Administrator Made a Treaty Were First Inclined to Eat Him

ONE of the best adventure tales in Sir Harry Johnston's account of his life in South Africa, as traveler and administrator, describes how he made a treaty with cannibals, who at first were inclined to eat him and his escort, but decided to be friendly:

A horde of excited people armed with guns and spears waded out into the river and compelled the canoe to stop, in fact dragged it summarily into shallow water. Three or four lusty savages pulled me out of the canoe, mounted me on the shoulders of the biggest, and carried me off at a run to the town, where I was put in a hut with the door open.

Here I had to submit to be stared at for an hour by hundreds of inquisitive savages, unaware as to the fate of my Kruhboys and Efik servants. Almost over my head, hanging from the smoke-blackened rafters of the house, was a smoked human ham, black and bluish green.

About a hundred skulls were ranged round the upper part of the clay walls in a ghastly frieze.

Sir Harry opened negotiations on behalf of Queen Victoria by saying he had come from a great white Queen to "make a book" with them. He was stumped for the name of the place, but his interpreter prompted him, and all went well.

I extracted a treaty from my despatch box and three or four persons of prominence (or so they seemed) crowded into the canoe to make crosses on it with my ink; but the proceedings were altogether too boisterous for serious treaty making.

I was longing to get away, as from various indications I realized we had come to this far-inhabited region on a marked day, when a great deal of palm wine had been drunk.

So after the crosses had been spledged on the treaty form and I had made up my present of cloth and beads, my crew was seated and ready to resume paddling while good humor prevailed.

The chief men of the town, however, insisted on giving me a return present—a hundred yams and two sheep; and at parting an old chief or medicine man bowed on me a necklace of human knuckle bones from off his own neck. This I still have in my possession.

TOLD BY THE MARINES

AT a luncheon following the presentation of a film, the proceeds of which are to go to the "Save the Victory Fund," Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee told an amusing story.

A suggestion was put forward to the effect that the film might be made more interesting to women by the introduction of Nelson's love affair with Lady Hamilton.

Whereupon Admiral Sturdee related how he once heard a marine, who was conducting a party of visitors round the Victory, exclaim, pointing to a particular chair in the cabin: "This 'ere's the chair Lady Hamilton used to sit in when she came to visit Nelson."

"Well?" queried a lady guest.

"Unfortunately," said Sir Doveton drily, "Lady Hamilton never set foot on board the Victory."

A PAGE ABOUT PEOPLE
Sidelights on Men and Women in the Public EyeDrury-Nickle Melon Bet
Was Flavorless Draw

The One Who Could Raise the Best Melon Was to Receive a Prize Hat

ATTORNEY-GENERAL NICKLE and ex-Premier Drury have long been warm personal friends. One day the latter received from his Wellington crony a home-grown melon, which Drury declared was one of the finest he ever saw or tasted—a globe of nectar for the gods.

He wrote Nickle gratefully and the latter answered offering to send some seed for growing the variety if the Crown Hill farmer would enter into a contest with the donor to see who could raise the best flavored melon, each contestant to aid in deciding as to quality, and the loser to buy the winner a hat.

The seed duly arrived, and in Simcoe and Frontenac counties were grown, rival melons. They ripened and were picked, and the best samples of each forwarded. Honest tests were made at each end of the line, as to quality, and to the surprise of the contestants both samples proved flavorless as melons—duds, absolute duds!

And thereby does not hang a hat.

TRAP FOR THE CURIOUS
SET BY MRS. JAMIESON

WHEN Nina Moore Jamieson, the Canadian novelist, was attending Normal School in Winnipeg she was very much attached to a gold watch which had been presented to her ancestor at the Battle of the Boyne by William, Prince of Orange, wearing it on a chain around her neck. Of course such an unique locket called forth a great many comments from her schoolmates who were always pestering her to show the inside of the case. Becoming wearied of showing the works so frequently, she hit on the following happy device: Writing the initials "D.Y.C." on a slip of paper, she placed it inside the case. The next one who asked to see the inside was confronted with these initials, and on inquiring what they stood for was much abashed to find that they meant "Darn Your Curiosity."

HEIRS HAVE BURDENS

WILLIAM A. BRADY, theatrical manager, recalls an amusing incident illustrating the fact that responsibilities of success have their burdens.

"It was in my young days in the west. I knew the son of a farmer who had died, leaving an estate of about \$10,000. There were several children and my friend was executor.

"I met him coming into town one day, and we stopped for a chat."

"Well, Bud," said I, "how are things going?"

"He shook his head sadly."

"Bill," said he, "I'm worried to death. This here estate business keeps me runnin' to the court house. I'm gettin' so sick of the thing that honest to Jupiter, Bill, sometimes I just almost wish Pop hadn't died."

MAKING HIS CHOICE

THE well-known American poet and humorist, Mr. James Whitcomb Riley, tells a story of a negro elector who was asked after an election how he voted.

"Well, sir," he said, "I voted for the Republican. It was like this, sir—the Democrats, they came and gave me fifteen dollars and the Republicans they came and gave me ten, and so I voted Republican."

"But why?" said his questioner, surprised.

"Well, sir, I think they was the less corrupt of the two."



Tells the Secrets of 1924

THIS is Mme. De Teleme, the celebrated Paris prophetess, at work in her study. She has just prophesied the great coming events among which she asserts will be a Labor government in England, which will revolutionize the entire country. A great political struggle between Poincaré and Ebert and others, mutual entanglement in America and Italy and a political one for India are also some of the most cheerful of her predictions.



Two Champs Get Together—Champion Invalid Receives a Call from Champion Heavyweight

NELLIE REVELL, described by Irvin S. Cobb as the "greatest guy I know," is here seen presenting Jack Dempsey with her "Ring of Fire" book. The book, which she has been confined to the hospital where she has been confined for more than 4 years with a broken spine. The title of the book is reminiscent of the little improvised dress invented by Miss Revell to rest on her chest. Her remarkable courage has attracted the attention of the whole world.

Young English Major of Alberta Awarded Grand Championship at Chicago International Grain Show for His Marquis Wheat—Went West on Account of Pulmonary Weakness Caused by Gas Poisoning

C OMING to Alberta to be cured of pulmonary weakness caused by gas during the Great War, a young Englishman, in a little more than three years has become the most famous farmer in western Canada—and the grower of the world's best wheat. To make such distinction the more impressive, it may be added that before settling in Alberta in 1926, he had no previous experience in agriculture.

The young man is Major H. G. L.

Strange, M.C., owner and operator at Fennelde Farm, Fenn, Alberta, and the achievement which won him fame almost overnight was the awarding to his Marquis wheat seed the grand championship at the recent International Grain Show at Chicago.

He is even more enthusiastic about poultry and is his ambition to have the highest laying flock of Barred Rocks on the American continent.

These four short years in Alberta have brought him quick honors from his fellow farmers for already he is president of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association, director of the Canadian Seed Grocers' Association, member of the Dominion government's advisory seed board and secretary of the Alberta Record of Performances Poultry Breeders' Association.

This is his career: By profession he is, as mentioned, a gas engineer. He was trained at Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Company, Manchester, England. He has to his credit three years' military service in the South African War. For ten years he was general manager of the Honolulu Gas Company, Honolulu, Hawaii.

He saw four years' service in France during the world war in the Imperial Royal Engineers, serving with the Poison Gas Offensive Corps. He was three wounded, was awarded the Military Cross and was mentioned in despatches twice. He also saw special service with the Grand Fleet and the Royal Flying Corps.

MR. ISRAEL ZANGWILL says there is no humor in America. Has he never been to the pictures and seen a custard pie burst on impact?—Punch.

Gong Sounds, Skull Clicks Its Jaws, Thurston Enters by a Secret Panel

House of the King of the Magicians Is Weird Place—Parlor Is Decorated Like a Chinese Temple—Sepulchral Voice From Bronze Buddha Makes Visitor Jump—Hindu Servant Passes Silently From Room to Room

T HERE is nothing disappointing about the house of Howard Thurston, the magician. It is exactly what you would expect the house of a twentieth century wizard to be.

Standing on a quiet street of Beechhurst, L. L. Thurston's home is guarded by two enormous and gaudily painted parrots which he brought with him from his last trip to India. The door, a massive affair, with the symbol of an ancient cabalistic order emblazoned on its central panel, opens and closes by itself, and the reception room is a luxurious mass of oriental hangings, through which the magician's Hindu servant passes silently to and fro.

The parlor is decorated along the lines of a Chinese temple, and in the further end of the room a huge bronze statue of Buddha sits grinning upon a teakwood pedestal. Thin columns of pungent smoke rise continually from an exotic incense burner at its feet. The uninitiated visitor is usually greeted by a sepulchral voice issuing from the Buddha, which says: "The master bids you welcome." His attention is then attracted by a slight noise behind him. A gong sounds, and Thurston suddenly appears, having entered the room through a well-made sliding panel.

In his study a very realistic skull, resting upon his desk and apparently beyond his control, opens and shuts its jaws with a gruesome click.

A crystal bell, which can be thoroughly examined without the slightest trace of wires or threads being found, rings solemnly at the command of the magician and tells fortunes by ringing once for "yes," twice for "no," and a whiskey bottle on the bookshelf is suddenly transformed into a grinning statue of Volstead, the frame

of the famous prohibition act in the United States, as the innocent visitor reaches for it at the invitation of his host.

"I recall an evening last summer that I spent at his house with a number of other guests, when he drew our attention to the fountain on the lawn, which was clearly visible from the sitting-room," says F. Sereno Keating in the New York World Magazine. "It had suddenly become a myriad of dazzling lights, like the Aurora Borealis in all its flaming glory, and from it arose the body of Jane, his eleven-year-old daughter, apparently asleep."

"When the child had reached a height of some three or more feet above the topmost spray she assumed a horizontal position and floated toward the window. Her shimmering dress fairly glistened in the multi-colored spotlights which were being played on her from without. Then she slowly receded toward the fountain and vanished into the iridescent foam."

Abdul, his faithful Hindu factotum, is also a student of the occult as well as of magic and juggling. In his particular tribe, he said, magic is practised only by those of the highest caste.

Abdul's hobby is fire eating, which he practices with a vengeance when not engaged in performing some task for his master, or acquainting him with the esoteric aphorisms of higher Yoga doctrines.

As a demonstration of his power over the fire elements, the swarthy fellow produced from his sleeve a handful of cotton batting, which he ignited. When the flame had reached its height he opened his mouth and placed the fiery mass upon his tongue. Then waving his arms about him excitedly, he proceeded to send forth streams of smoke and sparks from his mouth and nostrils.

As well as his collection of magical apparatus, Thurston has accumulated a vast assortment of ingenious devices employed in the seances of fraudulent "spirit mediums" whom he has exposed during the course of his psychic investigations.

In a large black cabinet, which folds into a small size when not in use, it is apparently able to materialize a full-sized "ghost," and produce other weird effects, which he frequently does of an evening for the amusement of his friends.

Better All Women Envious
Than a Single One Sorry

C.P.R. Bachelor President Has a Favorite After Dinner Quip at His Own Expense

ALTHOUGH Mr. E. W. Beatty, B.A., is often referred to as Canada's most eligible bachelor, the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company seldom has anything much to say about his state of single blessedness. Quite properly he considers his condition to be a strictly private matter.

Once in a while, though, Mr. Beatty will crack a joke at his own expense. One of his favorite after-dinner quips, which he works into the course of speeches on such

dry matters as trade and commerce, is that he considers it better to make all women envious than to make one single woman happy.

In a recent speech in Winnipeg, Mr. Beatty touched at some length of the need of greater settlement on the land; always one of his favorite topics. He deplored the tendency to crowd into the cities, and pointed out that higher education was partly responsible for this.

"One trouble with Canada," he went on to say, "is that she has too many Bachelors of Art in the cities, and too many bachelors of heart in the country."

And then, with a whimsical smile, he added: "As I happen to be both, you can appreciate why I speak feelingly on the subject."

SPELLING REFORM OVERDONE

THE famous American evangelist, Mr. "Billy"

Sunday, attributes much of his success as a public orator to the fact that he speaks to his hearers in language they are familiar with and can easily understand.

"It's no good talking over the heads of your audience," he told a reporter the other day, and as an illustration of his meaning he went on to tell the story of Mr. Curran and Mr. McManus.

The two friends came to New York to see the sights. Among the objects was a fine new public building. The feature of this building that appealed most strongly to Mr. Curran was an inscription cut into a huge stone.

"MDCCXLVIII," he read aloud. "What does that letters mean, Tim?"

"That inscription," replied the cultured Mr. McManus, "stands for 1848."

"Oh!" replied Mr. Curran. Then, after a thoughtful pause, he added:

"Don't yez think, Tim, that these New Yorkers are overdoin' a bit this new craze for spelling reform?"

Dr. Baring-Gould also was a novelist and historian. He would have been ninety years old when he died until the 28th of this month. He was one of the few surviving examples of the genuine English squire, living on the estate where his family had lived for almost three centuries.

At the same time, he was a country rector, a lord of the manor, a sermon writer, a student of comparative religion, an extremely popular novelist, a poet, an authority on medieval myths and legends, and an antiquarian of note in several branches of research. He is said to have been the most prolific and versatile of English writers, having more than 160 titles to his credit.

The simple humanity in the hymn was expressed in Baring-Gould's life. His friends cherish the story of how, when the clergyman, who was one of the most influential advocates of the High Church movement, wished to have his hymn sung in his own church, his bishop, who was very Low Church, objected to the lines:

"With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before."

The author thereupon changed the last line to:

"Left behind the door,"

which made the bishop so angry that he dismissed him from his place. Mr. Gladstone, however, at once presented him with the far better living of East Merton in Essex.

In 1872, on the death of his father, Baring-Gould inherited the family estates, those of Lord Trenchard, consisting of 3,000 acres and the crown living that went with it. He lived in a beautiful old Elizabethan manor house where the family had lived since the days of James I.

With this background of birth and breeding the young curate doubtless could have married a lady of high degree if he had wanted to. But instead he fell in love, like the humblest of his country parishioners, with a factory girl, Miss Grace Taylor, and after sending her to a private school where she could be somewhat prepared for the social position she would have to enter, he married her. She died in 19



NEWS AND NOTES OF THE CHURCHES



DAVIES TO FLAY SATISFIED MEMBERS OF CHURCH SUNDAY

NO ROOM FOR THOSE WHO MERELY SWAP TESTIMONIES, PASTOR'S VIEW

Those people who call themselves Christians and who, to quote Dr. Davies, "simply swap testimonies" at a prayer meeting and merely attend church twice on Sunday" and yet take no interest in the vital problems of earthly life, nor help, by vote, voice, influence, and power, to bring about a better world order, whose only virtue is an excessive other-worldliness and who leave to others the fight against drug, drunkenness, and juvenile delinquency, as well as corruption in politics, come in for severe castigation in the evening sermon of Dr. Clem Davies at the Centennial Church on Sunday evening when the topic will be "Churchianity or Christianity."

Dr. Davies thinks, no longer trembles when he sees a Christian and he no longer limits his take no interest in the constructive programme to bless the world and humanity is sheer hypocrisy and a species of religion that characterized the middle ages, according to the Centennial pastor.

THE MILLENIUM

In the morning sermon on the Coming of the Golden Age, the pastor dealt with the steps which must be taken to usher in the second millennium. Dr. Davies will show in his theme that the new world will not be initiated by means of a celestial circus in the clouds with the world speedily coming on a cloud of glory, but by the infusion into the life of the world of the principles that life of Jesus stood.

The continued interest in the question box evinced each Sunday evening shows the popularity of the innovation. More research, it is stated, is often expended on the question of the service than an entire sermon.

PRAIRIE VISITORS TO THE CITY

And Winter residents and tourists are welcome. A half-hour's musical programme precedes the evening service.

VETERAN CARRIER TOOK ACTIVE SHARE IN CITY'S SOCIAL WELFARE WORK

A veteran letter carrier of this city is Benjamin Cooper, of 1471 Hamilton Road, Oaklands, now an octogenarian, who treasures many interesting memories of thirty-six years of residence in this city.

He was employed in the old post office on Government Street, near Yates Street, for a number of years as mail carrier. There were then only seven carriers, and Chinatown lay in his territory. It was, he stated, an Oriental district, very different to what prevails to-day. In that connection he remembers the great fire in Chinatown, in which the Baptist church was destroyed.

IN FENIAN EXCITEMENT

On March 31, 1844, Mr. Cooper was born at Southwark, London, England, and at the age of twenty-four was called out on one of the occasions of the Fenian excitements to act as a spy. He was born in 1866, and was sent to guard a church near Regent's Circus, and was so employed for three nights.

Twenty years later, at the age of forty-four, he came out to B.C. with his boat, the "Point Ellice," to Victoria since that date. He helped on a fruit farm, and then was employed by Mr. Hanton, dry goods store on Yates Street.

During the Point Ellice Bridge disaster of 1896, Mr. Cooper, armed with his boat, was in the body of water and sent out for identification on the lawn of Captain's house, Point Ellice.

TEMPERANCE WORK

For a great many years Mr. Cooper devoted himself to temperance work with various societies. In that connection he formed the first cadet brigade of the Royal Temperance Association, which was affiliated with Victoria Council No. 2, of the Royal Temperance of Temperance. Miss McGregor was captain, and he was major of the brigade, also acting as drill instructor.

Mr. Cooper measures his association with the R.T.A. for nearly two years. He took an active share in the work among the sailors and soldiers, and extended assistance to them at the Sailors' Home. Before the car ran to Esquimalt, after the bus service had ceased for the night,

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH

REV. H. T. ARCHBOLD VOICES APPRECIATION OF SUPPORT IN FOUL BAY

PRIEST TAKES THE GOSPEL TO RIVER BARGEMEN IN PARIS

EMPLOYS "SCOW" TO TEACH BARGEMEN AND CHILDREN

PARIS, Jan. 26.—There is perhaps in the world more unworthy or more appreciated than the current thing spiritual that is the ordinary French cure. He has one aim in life and only one, and to accomplish it he will gladly cast everything of material value overboard and go and live in the most unexpected places, performing his daily task in the humblest of ways and gaining half-way reward for it.

Reports from the secretary, Mrs. Bengough, and treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude Smith, for the Women's Auxiliary, indicate a very successful year with a bank balance of \$12,136.

Mrs. E. Huddleston submitted financial report for the Sunday school, showing that this most important branch of church work was on a firm footing.

Mr. Hartley reported result of the united bazaar, which showed a net profit of \$186.67, and commended very highly the support given her by Mrs. Bengough, Lowry, and Randal. Very heavy vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Hartley and these ladies for the substantial result of their efforts.

The following gentlemen were unanimously elected members of the church committee for 1924: Messrs. Fowler and Hartley, wardens; Mrs. Bengough, Willis, Lowe, Hunter, Ross, Patterson, Exham, Smith and Carey.

Mr. Hooper, Sunday school superintendent, then spoke of the development of the Sunday school, showing the great increase in attendance, which now is close to one hundred, and stated that it was owing to the presence of the Rev. Mr. Hartley, the school that the present building was erected, and which is now barely large enough to accommodate the various classes.

Votes of thanks were passed to the various societies and their officers, including the wardens, the church and the Women's Auxiliary, Sunday School, ladies of the Altar Guild for their voluntary and efficient labor of love.

The "Simpson" tunnel, running through the Alps, is twelve-and-a-half miles long.

GORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROGRESS

LAST YEAR SUCCESSFUL ONE, FINANCIALLY, AND IN CHRISTIAN EFFORT

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WAS HELD THIS WEEK, PRESIDED OVER BY THE PASTOR, THE REV. DANIEL WALKER. THE REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS SECRETARIES SHOWED THAT 1923 HAD BEEN ONE OF EXCEPTIONAL PROGRESS IN ALL NEARLY ALL DEPARTMENTS OF ITS WORK.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT SHOWED A HEALTHY FINANCIAL CONDITION, THE CHURCH BUDGET BEING FAR IN EXCESS OF ANY PREVIOUS YEAR IN ITS HISTORY.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT PRESENTED BY MRS. LORIMER WAS A RECORD OF DEVOTED SERVICE RENDERED BY A BAND OF CONSECRATED TEACHERS IN LOYALTY TO THEIR LORD. MISS DAVIS'S RECORD OF THE MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOL WAS AN INSPIRATION TO ITSELF. THE SUPPORTING OF ACTIVE EVANGELISTS IN THE HEART OF AFRICA, AND OF A YOUNG GIRL IN INDIA, BEING CONTRIBUTING TO MISSIONARY EFFORT IN CHINA, AFFORDED CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH IN THE FORMATIVE YEARS OF THEIR LIVES WERE BEING TAUGHT TO TAKE AN ENTHUSIASM IN THE MISSION AND COMMISSION OF THEIR LORD. GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL.

MESSRS. SIMPSON AND TAYLOR REPORTED ON THE BUILDING SCHEME WHICH HAD BEEN CARRIED THROUGH DURING THE YEARS IN WHICH THE CHURCH HAD BEEN RAISED AND AN APPENDIX, A NEW ROOM BUILT UNDERNEATH AND A NEW HEATING APPARATUS INSTALLED, THE COST OF WHICH HAD ALL BEEN MET BY THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

DR. LADIES' AID SHOWED THAT THE YEAR HAD BEEN ONE OF CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH, WHOSE GENEROUS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VARIOUS EFFORTS OF THE CHURCH HELPED MUCH TO LIGHTEN THE LABORS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS DURING THE YEARS.

FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF MANAGERS AND A FEW WORDS OF EXHORTATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE PASTOR, THE MEETING CLOSED BY THE SINGING OF THE DOXOLOGY, AFTER WHICH AN ADJOURNMENT WAS MADE TO THE SCHOOL ROOM, WHERE A FEW ENTHUSIASTIC INTERCOURSE, WELFARE AND REFRESHMENT PARTAKEN, OF KINDLY PROVIDED BY THE LADIES.

CHURCH LECTURE

A LECTURE ON "THE CHURCH, THE NATIONS AND THE THRONE OF DAVID," ILLUSTRATED BY OVER 100 SLIDES, WILL BE GIVEN IN ST. PAUL'S NAVAL AND MILITARY CHURCH (ANGLICAN), ESQUIMALT, ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, AT 8 P.M. THE PASTOR, REV. F. C. CHAPMAN, B.A., WILL PRESENT.

AT ST. COLUMBA

ON SUNDAY MORNING AT ST. COLUMBA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OAK BAY, MRS. MARGUERITE BRYNOLSON WILL SING "ROCK OF AGES." IN THE EVENING THE CHOIR WILL RENDER THE ANTHEM, "SUN OF MY SOUL," ALSO A SOLO BY MR. RUFELLO, "HE LIFTED ME."

REINCARNATION

"OBJECTIONS TO REINCARNATION" WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A LECTURE BY WILL GRIFFITH TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE THE VICTORIA THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN THEIR ROOMS, 101 UNION BANK BUILDING, ON SUNDAY EVENING AT 8 O'CLOCK. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

A GIRL SERGEANT SALUTING IN THE CADET BRIGADE OF THE ROYAL TEMPLES OF TEMPERANCE; FIRST CADETS IN VICTORIA.

HE SAYS HE OFTEN HAD TO WALK HOME. THE L.O.G.T. AND THE W.C.T.U., HE SAYS, HAVE DONE INVALUABLE WORK FOR THOSE NEEDING IT IN THE CITY.

FRATERNAL WORK

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE O.D.F., A.O.F., AND C.O.O.F., AND FOUND PARTICULAR PLEASURE IN THE SICK VISITING. OF THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF COURTS, HE HAS DECLARED HE WAS AND IS STRONG. HE ALSO PRAISES THE WORK WHICH THE FORESTERS ARE DOING AMONG THE JUVENILE COURT.

MR. COOPER WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCH ON HERALD STREET, AND WAS ONE OF THE THIRTEEN DISSENTENTS WHO BROKE AWAY AND FORMED A CHURCH IN THE SIMPLY CHURCH ON SPRING RIDGE. THERE HE INITIATED A FUND FOR THE COLLECTION OF MONEY TO PURCHASE A BELL, SENDING HIS BIBLE CLASS OUT AS COLLECTORS, WITH THE RESULT THAT NOT ONLY DID THEY RAISE THE MONEY, BUT BEGAN A FUND TO HELP INDIGENTS IN THE DISTRICT.



BENJAMIN COOPER

Times Sunday School Lesson

BY REV. GEO. C. PIDGEON, D.D.

WHAT ISRAEL LEARNED AT SINAI

Exodus xii, 1, and xxiv, 8.

There is enough material in this section for a whole season's study. All that the leader of a Bible study group can do in the half-hour at his disposal is to touch its leading points. Jehovah as the God of Israel, who has just delivered them from bondage, Jehovah as a God who is righteous and who requires righteousness, and Jehovah as a God who enters into covenant relations with His people, are the three great truths revealed in this study of Sinai.

1. "It was not Israel that first chose Jehovah, but Jehovah that chose Israel. In these words a modern writer states the fact behind the story of Sinai. In a previous lesson we saw that the emancipation of Israel originated in a religious experience. God came to Moses in the wilderness of Horeb and commanded him to deliver Israel, and then with irresistible might wrested His people from the hold of their oppressors. These great events were fresh in the people's minds at Sinai. In those far-off days Semitic peoples identified the life and vigor of the nation, to offer the sacrifices.

2. "It was the giving of the law that followed by covenant that which God desired with His people (Exodus xxiii, 1-8). The order of events was as follows: Moses told the people all the words of the Lord, and the people accepted them and promised obedience. Then Moses wrote the words of the Lord and built an altar for the offering of sacrifice. Moses sent the young man, representing the life and vigor of the nation, to offer the sacrifices.

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A Veteran Poet of Vancouver

At the Great Age of Eighty-two, Mr. Bernard McEvoy, Dean of Canadian Journalists, Issues "Verses For My Friends," a Volume of Poems Full of Human Interest

By Professor W. T. Allison

Twenty-six years ago there was published in Toronto a volume of poetry entitled "Away From News-papersons." The author was Mr. Bernard McEvoy, who at that time was already a veteran journalist on the staff of "The Mail and Empire." In those days I was just beginning to take an interest in Canadian writers and had provided myself with a tall scrapbook in which I pasted poems by Lemire, Campbell, Carrman and other bright and shining lights of the northern literary firmament. I remember at the time that I was allured by the striking title of Mr. McEvoy's book of verse, for I was engaged in writing a "Poem of myself." Here was an elderly scribne who evidently had a sense of relief in getting away from the realm of smelly printer's ink, the thundering press, and the profane city editor. Little did I imagine any book in 1923, that would be the accomplishment of Mr. McEvoy's in Vancouver over twenty-five years later, and that it would be my pleasure some years after that to review his earlier and later poems collected under the modest title "Verses for My Friends" (Cowan Brookhouse Limited, Vancouver). The last time I had a talk with Mr. McEvoy in his office in the Vancouver Province Building (he is literary editor of that paper), I asked him if he had a copies of "Away From News-papersons" as it was anxious to procure one, preferably an autographed copy. He shook his head, as he informed me that the book had been long out of print. But we have the bulk of his earlier work reproduced in an attractive volume with the identical illustrations by G. A. Reid, R.C.A., that appeared in the first book, and with a large sheep of poems written between 1898 and 1923. The book is not about the author, nor is it that it is the volume of Canada's dean of journalists. Mr. McEvoy is now eighty-two years of age. He is the grand old man of the Canadian press, affable, cultured, dignified, as alert mentally as he was in his centenary year, and I question whether any Canadian poet has a volume at so ripe an age. He and Charles Mair of Calgary are the oldest authors in this country, both of them in full possession of their faculties and very attractive gentlemen.

THE POET'S LOVE OF NATURE

The majority of our younger poets would do well to read Mr. McEvoy's poems and catch from him his sense of the infinite in his work, his deep, human sympathy. He writes clearly, has the gift of humor, and is vital touch with life. Although we can find in many of his poems a love for Nature in her most majestic, does not diversify her from real life, an example of our poets do. Several of his poems have been inspired by trees; one of them describes a gaunt old veteran stranded in the downtown section of a busy city. It is in his initial "Away From News-papersons," however, that he gives fullest expression to his Wordsworthian love of the fields and flowers. The poems commemorate a visit to Weston, which in 1898 was a country village, few miles from Toronto. To-day, it is really part of the great city. Describing a scene in the valley of the Humber near Weston, the poet writes:

A grand splendor fills this valley fair Through which the river flows. A mystery Of tender beauty breathes in every As though the spirits of each Summer past, And every Spring and Autumn lingered there. Whispering sweet memories to the soul that hears Nature's melodies. Yet here, remote, Fancy hears murmur of the ocean's wave. They rock these ripples of an inland stream. And there lives, hemmed in by land shore, Expans at last into the Eternal Sea!

And in the epilogue to this poem Mr. McEvoy gives in lines of serene beauty his appreciation of the mighty Mother who teaches us so many lessons as we behold her wonder and bloom and seek to interpret her mystery:

The years pass, one by one—the Summers come, Bestow their flowers and fruit, then fade away. Like rose leaves dear in memory's esteem, That we know the beauty that is gone But O' my friends who know it with mine. Think of me gently when in time to come, To mind how wise I am beneath These ancient trees. If I have passed into the spaces of the unknown night, Remember me with kindness; say that I was one to whom sweet Nature's smile And told her joys and sorrows—sometimes breathed her fond love, in thoughts I could not tell.

VARIETY OF SUBJECT MATTER

The wide sweep of Mr. McEvoy's verse is seen in the following table of his poems. Verses of Memory and Environment; Imaginative Experiments; Elegiac Verses; Humorous and Colloquial; Characturizations Historic; Special Occa-

appeal to me most are the lyrics which have to do with everyday subjects, and of these I single out for special mention "The Visitors," "The Old Parliament Buildings," "The Tide," and "Revised Proofs."

The last poem in the volume is notable for its beautiful last line. It may be interpreted from the personal side as Mr. McEvoy's message to his readers as he stands looking back over his long life.

YOUTH AND AGE

Above the mountains glows the coming dawn; The light foretells the bright and happy And youth goes forward towards the ground with brilliance every purple steep: The happy youth that dreams no touch of grey. Nor clover nor darkness e'er can dim the glorious light that floods the onward road!

In the shadow the old man sits; Above the mountain dies the sun. Over the valley darkness slowly creeps; Age has no heart to climb those distant crags.

The man of sin tempts him not, But he must wait and let the darkness That soon will draw its veil o'er mortal things.

Even when new day comes Age follows not; is tempted by no ghost, Just to tread the long and toilsome road.

Wishes for sought but, rest and peace—full sleep.

And thinks the friendly darkness may be best.

THE COW BELL

Our attic's thick with cobwebs, and there one day I found a chinking sound. I wondered what the thing could be, and took it down to see what he looks like, then he says: "Why that's a cow bell, dad." Mommy looked up with a smile when I made that out, and said: "And where did you get that dear old dirty thing?" That clinking cow-bell.

I think my parents never live where Nels was always green, Nor that city where grass is never seen. For mom took a cow-bell and a tear was in her eye. She said, "I'm glad we have the flowers and trees, and days that was gone by; Dad, he kinder swarled. I never seed him weep.

"Yes, I'm glad," he says. "I'm glad we thought to keep That there old cow-bell."

Dad says when he gets rich he's going to buy a farm. He says as that's the sort of place to keep a boy from harm, we'll have some cows and horses, an' barns, an' pigs an' all;

Mommy says, "When, I wonder?" It does seem rather mean, That up there is only thing towards that is that ole cow-bell!

SOME NEWSPAPER VERSE

A number of these poems are what might be called "news" poems from the "other" newspaper verse. They were suggested by passing events and were no doubt written as part of the day's work of a busy editor. They carried a message, were brightly in style, served their purpose, and were given a place in the paper. Then came Long Bay. The sky was heavy with clouds and this lent itself to some striking pictorial effects. To the north, out of the dark mists, suddenly a jagged mountain peak in a straight line stood out clear and distinct against that pale background of light so frequently seen in such effects, while in an irregular arch stretched the dense clouds in various patterns of broken and broken. We were passing the author ominously named Wreck Bay, where in 1860 a Peruvian ship was driven ashore, and the name of the town commemorates the loss of the vessel.

So next year I am making all my plans to get away for a couple of weeks of moose hunting along with my brother George and my son Tom Goss. We're getting together because we are of us men who like to stand the hardship of living in the open. The place we go to is right in the heart of the primitive Canadian forest, among big timber, broken with lakes as still as glass, just the bush that these big wilderness hotels are crowded with them.

FADED WITH A DUTY

Every year there comes a season when all those who have a family streak in them like to get out into the different caches where we had hidden them, or sticking round the hotel itself for a while. It seems that there is dancing there. Nowadays such a lot of women and girls as are familiar with rocks. We have a great deal of fun in the bush, though it is hunting and trapping, out in the open and take fatigue or hardship just as it comes.

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PARISIANS LIKE FANCY MODELS IN AUTOMOBILES

Paris Show Characterized by Tendency to Feature Beauty

The Paris Automobile Show ranks with the very best in the world, and one of the salient features of the annual exhibits is the reflection of the inherent love the French people have for beauty.

The fact is stressed so greatly in the foreign models of motor cars that the same emphasis in this case of the water probably would not satisfy the ever-practical nature of the Canadian public.

The differences in the models of displaying automobiles was one of the most striking things noted on a recent European trip, which included visits to the London and Paris automobile shows and to the principal motor car factories on the British Isles and the continent.

EVERY CAR IS SPECIAL

At the Paris show every foreign car on display was a special job, making it impossible to accurately conceive what the regular stock cars of the various makes look like. It is the point particularly that I think we should take note of the models of this country. Here those interested in cars prefer to inspect standard models, but the French public evidences a keen interest in this type of "special" exhibit and it is my opinion that there is essential to the success and popularity of the annual Paris exhibition.

Where chassis were shown, all the metal was frosted and burnished, presenting a most beautiful appearance, and in this a great automobile. Virtually all of the bodies were of freak design, not lending themselves to commercial production. In fact, they were what we in this country term custom built jobs and which are used on less than one-half of one per cent of Canadian-built cars in use. Many of the open cars were of the "boat" design, while the closed bodies were largely of the collapsible type.

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Safety First Rules Issued For Guidance

The following, termed "Ten Commandments of Safety for Motorists," is being enclosed with all motor license plates for 1924, at the request of the Ontario Safety League. The motorists are asked to "ponder and act upon these suggestions, avoid injuries to yourself and others." The "commandments" are:

(1) Always remember you are an engineer fully responsible.

(2) Always test your brakes when starting and have them inspected frequently.

(3) Never pass a street car when it is stopping.

(4) Exercise especial care in crossing in front of a street car or in passing it.

(5) Always signal with horn when slowing down, turning or stopping.

(6) Look before you back, and sound horn three times.

(7) Use your horn as a warning to pedestrians—not to startle them.

(8) Remember the other fellow always has the right of way.

(9) Drive with care where children may be playing.

(10) Stop before crossing railroad tracks. Keep to the right—avoid accidents.

SEDIMENT IN RADIATOR

Overheating may often be traced to sediment in the radiator which cuts off free radiation of heat. This may be removed usually by the use of a saturated solution of washing soda and water. During the hot weather each year, it is well to disconnect the cooling system with a solution of this sort and run the engine for several hours. Then drain this solution off and refill the system with clean water.

If in the system used, a pump is employed, the upper hose should be disconnected from the radiator and the engine should be run to pump the solution out of the system. At the same time fresh water run from a hose or other source should be run into the top of the radiator as fast as it is pumped out and thus flush the entire system before connecting up the hose again.

When the thermo-syphon system is used, it is of course impossible to pump. But one should remove both upper and lower hose connections after running the engine with the solution and wash it out as well as possible with fresh water. A hose inserted in the upper connection of the cylinder would force out all the solution with a collection of sediment, and the same process with the radiator ought to clean it out.

KINDLY INTENTIONED

Miss Rouge—"I'm so sorry to hear of your motor accident."

Motor Friend—"Oh, thanks, it's nothing. I expect to live through many more."

Miss Rouge—"Oh, I hope not."



DISCUSS MERGING OF AUTO CLUBS

Vancouver, Jan. 26.—Vancouver Automobile Club members last night voted to approve the amalgamation of their organization in the new Automobile Club of British Columbia. Instead of adopting the legal committee's report presented by F. G. T. Lucas at the meeting, by about fifty to twelve, carried R. H. Gale's amendment that the proposed organization should be known by a separate identity and simply pay a small per capita grant to the central organization. There was complete unanimity on the need for a central organization.

The meeting developed two strongly opposed viewpoints, one favoring the scheme proposed by which the Vancouver Automobile Club would merge with the Automobile Club of British Columbia, and the other that the Vancouver Automobile Club should continue its separate identity and simply pay a small per capita grant to the central organization.

What do you call a man who plays the saxophone?"

"Don't call him anything. Words fall."

Miss Rouge—"Oh, I hope not."

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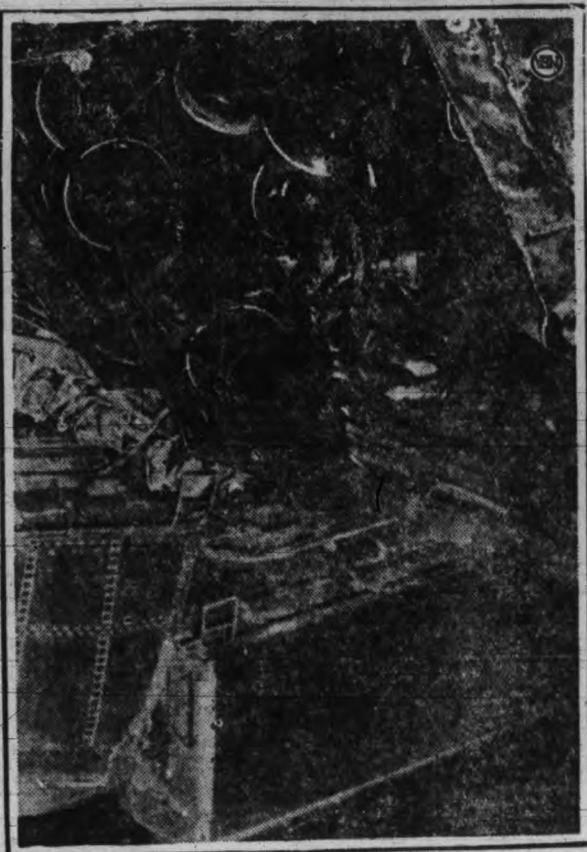
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SHAMBLES!—Three were killed and 11 seriously injured when these fast trains piled up on a blind siding near Hillendahl, Tex. The terrific impact hurled boilers from the engines which met in head-on death grip, and strewed a mass of twisted debris upon the tracks.



NINA WILCOX PUTNAM AT PLAY—Nina Wilcox Putnam (left), noted author, Mrs. Montgomery Schuyler, her secretary (centre), and Richard Ellsworth Bassett, six-foot-four-inch business manager for Mrs. Putnam, photographed on golf links at Pinehurst. A divorce recently granted to Mrs. Putnam was rescinded. Bassett was formerly a painter, when he made Mrs. Putnam's acquaintance.

SCHOOL DAYS

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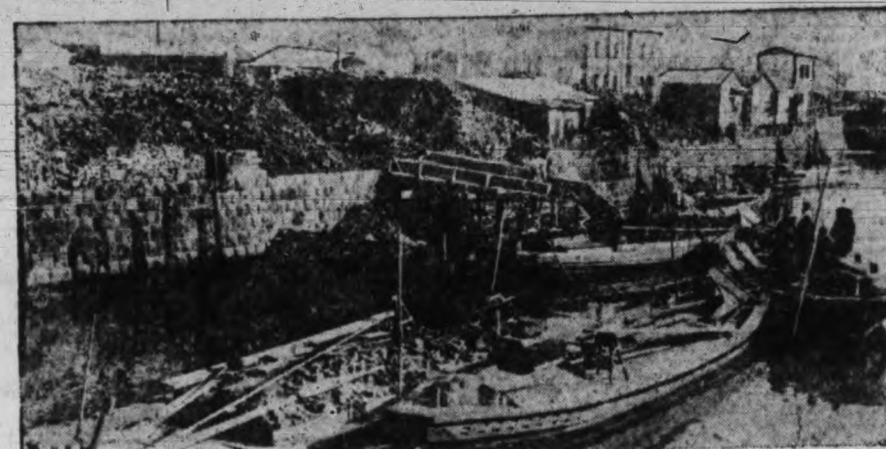
THE FATE MAKERS



BEAUTY A LA BRUNETTE.—New York's young society set boasts of the most beautiful girls in the country. At a recent entertainment many society girls took part. Photo shows Miss Natica Nast, daughter of Conde Nast, who portrayed the part of a Spanish type.



QUITE A JEWEL.—This 4,200-pound silver nugget, the largest in the world, discovered in the Keley mine, is now at the Parliament Buildings in Toronto. The crated chunk of silver was some problem to the transport companies, but arrived in safety. It is here shown just uncrated, lying in the case, and being examined by Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, centre.



CLEANING UP.—Thousands of tons of rock and dirt, resulting from the earthquake in Japan, are daily being taken out to sea and dumped. This photograph shows the way the Japanese are rebuilding their stricken territory.



CAN'T DO THIS IN VICTORIA.—First prize for courage goes to Miss Marion Harlan, a New Hampshire girl. She is a swimming enthusiast and doesn't care if it's Winter or Summer. Photo shows her in the "old swimming hole." The white around the edge is ice.



SHE'S SOME REAL SHOOTER.—Mrs. Maurice Goodchild, who has just won the British ladies' rifle championship. In the competition, she defeated scores of men experts. She is expected to be a serious contender in the Olympic contests.



TO END ROW.—Premier E. H. Armstrong (left), of Nova Scotia, has intervened in the Cape Breton coal strike. Roy M. Wolvin (right), president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, has agreed to temporary suspension of the wage cut, while negotiations may be reopened.



HONORED CAREER.—W. D. Scott, assistant Deputy Minister of Immigration for Canada, is to be superannuated, after 21 years' service.



"YOU KNOW ME, AL!"—Al Smith, "wet" governor of New York, who is campaigning to become Democratic nominee in the presidential race this year has been given a decided boost by the party's decision to hold the June convention in New York city.



CHARGED WITH GRAFT.—Sir Richard Squires, former premier of Newfoundland, faces charges that on various occasions in various amounts he obtained from the Acting Controller J. T. Meeney, sums of money aggregating \$22,000 of government money.



ENTERTAINMENT FOR TRAVELERS.—W. D. Robb, vice-president of the Canadian National Railways, has completed plans for the equipping of all transcontinental trains on the Government lines with radio receiving outfit. Mr. Robb is shown speaking into a microphone in Montreal, delivering a message which was heard as far West as Chicago, and as far east as Halifax.



FOUNDS "SUPER-RACE" FOUNDATION.—Dr. Alzamon Irk Lucas, shown here with his son, will soon conduct a "super-race" convention. Lucas claims the sex and vocation of a child can be predetermined.



PERFORMS FOUR JOBS.—Revolving like the propellers of a ship, the rosette blades of a new plow attachment for farm tractors, just tried out in the Prairies, do the work of turning the plough, and of pulverizer, harrow and drag, as well. According to its inventor, William Turner, the revolving blades each cut a furrow 14 inches wide and may be adjusted to dig from one to ten inches deep. The attachment is shown here at work in a field.



TWO POWERS OF GERMANY.—Dr. A. Hermes (left), former German Minister of Finance, is on this continent, and the other day, in company with Dr. Weifeldt, German ambassador, called to pay his respects to President Coolidge. It is believed Dr. Hermes is on this continent primarily to test sentiment for a loan to his country.

A PAGE OF INTEREST TO CHILDREN

Page From Diary of a Raindrop

If it had not been for the sun there would be no diary, that is, no diary of a raindrop. You see, the sun baked down smilingly upon the ocean and its warmth attracted enough moisture to form a cloud. This cloud surged up and up in the heavens and was borne by winds over the land. The sun drove the winds.

Once over the land the cloud met with cold air from the mountain tops and descended in the form of rain. It watered growing vegetation and gave the brown, dry earth a welcome draught. Now, the cloud was composed of millions of rain drops in vapor form but when the cold air struck the cloud it shivered and out fell the rain drops.

The raindrop of this diary fell into a mountain ravine, where it was joined by a great many others in a race for the sea. It was many days and nights travelling before it reached the coast, so it had many adventures.

To begin with, after coming downward, it fell from the valley beyond, dipped its head into the stream. A portion of the raindrop, along with many of its fellows, was sucked up in the cooling drink taken by the thirsty animal. The raindrop followed along, passing under a house where a miner dipped a bucket into it for kettle water. Another portion of our raindrop disappeared at this stage.

The stream was well stocked with trout and our fish used a further portion of the raindrop to get oxygen out of it as he pumped it through red gills.

Nearing the coast the raindrop, or all that was left of it, helped to water a flock of sheep and herds of cattle in the grazing lands of course it had help. Then it aided

a lumber jack to wash his hands, in the timberlands. It made tea for a widow, scrubbed the ears of a very small boy, lent itself to a host of other useful duties, losing each time a little of its size.

When the raindrop had lost a portion of its body it was dipped up in a scoop to help water thirsty ferns in a city window box.

At this juncture the river tipped over into a steep fall. Here the raindrop joined its companion in passing on the paddle wheels of an electric generator. In short it took a great many days for the raindrop to get back to the ocean, and when it did arrive it was but the ghost of its former self. The raindrop had no sooner mingled with the salt water of the ocean than it was just in time to be drawn up by the sun to commence the whole business all over again.

There does not say how many times the raindrop went through this harrowing round of experiences, but it is safe to say that it has been at it now for a great many years. Indeed, what is true of one raindrop might be true of all. Well, we know that things are worth while working attain. Whether it be a new skidmotor or a career in life, the principle is the same and what you want you must go after.

Many go through life by accident, as it were, without any conscious effort to move in this direction in that. Days come and go, and these people pass each day the same, and those of them empty. All aims are not alike; some seek wealth or power; some health; others knowledge; and a few wisdom. If your aim is worth

Work For Your Goal, it Won't Come to You

It is an old saying, "If you want a thing done well, do it yourself." The saying conveyed the thought that it was natural to take more interest in your own affairs than in the affairs of others. To this saying might have been added one not so true, "If you want a thing worth having, you have to get it for yourself." Are you a "go-getter?"

Nowadays, and indeed it must always have been so, the hand that stays open to receive gifts from others remains empty. Similarly, minds that trust to other minds to fulfill their heads stay empty. Worthwhile things are worth while working attain.

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while it is worth working for in an intelligent manner.

Even a fledgling blue jay has to leave its nest and fly with the strength of a grown bird. Whatever your choice there is a way to its attainment. No one will bring it to you, but you must go forward to get it for yourself. Unless you have the proven league boots that were used by the giants of old, you must needs take the first step first, and not the last step alone and skip the others as many seem to try.

Study carefully what you really do want. Make sure it is worth while for the road is a long one to most achievements. Great would be your disappointment to arrive at its end only to discover that you have not obtained that which you really sought. The time to decide what you will make of your life is in school, while you have still an opportunity of learning to traverse the road that will take you on the journey. Do not miss your opportunity. It is here now, and may never return.

SLIPPERY WORD

Employer—Miss Pounder, you have spelled "lubricant" with "k"—that is wrong.

Stenog.—Have it? It's such an easy word to slip up on.

When the Crow Won by Strategy

The reward for keeping the eyes open to observe what is taking place round and about us comes in strange and unexpected forms. A watcher on the Johnson Street Bridge the other day gazed idly at an empty garbage scow in the stream below. Presently a large blue and white seagull alighted on one of the bollards of the barge

and hopped down to the deck. It seized presently on what appeared to be a very dry, meatless bone, probably the refuse from some long-forgotten doggie meal.

Within a few seconds the scow was visited by another of Nature's feathered creatures; this time a crow. While the gull peeked away at the bone, the crow flew down and planted his feet fairly and firmly on the deck of the scow and watched. In due course the gull left the bone and the crow hopped over to it. The gull commenced to peck at a crust of bread that the crow had not sighted before. The crow made a great play as if enjoying the bare bone very much indeed.

Envious, the gull hopped over and drove the crow away from the bone, taking it for himself. Quick as a flash the crew seized on the piece of bread. The gull saw this and in a second to later he darted for his meal, but the crow was already in the vicinity, bearing away the only edible thing from the scow. The gull walked over to the bone, regarded it awhile in contempt, and then flew off down stream. His greed had cost him a meal.

LIMERICK POST BAG

From Viva O. Brown, an eleven-year-old reader at 1498 Stadacona Avenue, the following Limerick line is received, in appreciation of the last limerick published:

"The poor little Fat Eskimo, Has many funny ways as you know.

His bed is of ice,

Which isn't so nice.

But He Hasn't Got Far to Go."

"But He's Used to the North,

As We Know," is the reply of a young line contributed by Ethel Parker, a ten-year-old reader at 886 Clivedore Avenue.

"Why not?" he inquired.

"Because it might be the Fussy Fox ready to nibble you for having such a silly and bad yesterday."

"I'll go from the window," said the bunny gentleman, "and if it is the Fox, I won't go out."

"So, when he had looked it twinkled his pink nose."

"Hello, it's Susie Littletail, the rabbit girl, she's all right—Susie won't nibble me!"

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"He gets younger and more foolish every day."

"Hello, Uncle Wiggily," greeted Susie when she saw the bunny gentleman. "Come on with me, please!"

"I'm afraid I can't," said Uncle Wiggily.

"Tommy Ted in Tangletown

Uncle Wiggily and Susie's Slip

(By HOWARD R. GARIS)

"Uncle Wiggily! Oh, Uncle Wiggily! Come on! Come on!"

A jolly voice cried this outside the hollow stump bungalow one afternoon. The rabbit gentleman, who had just come in from hopping across the fields, looked up.

"Did you hear that?" he asked.

"Nurse Jane! Nurse Wuzzy, his muskrat too," she answered. "Did I tell you about the line he twinkled his pink nose?"

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"Hello, Uncle Wiggily," greeted Susie when she saw the bunny gentleman. "Come on with me, please!"

"I'm going over to the tree house of Mrs. Bushytail, the squirrel lady," answered Susie. "My mother wants me to borrow a few nuts to put on top of a chocolate cake. So you come with me, and mother will be glad to stay a little while and play with Johnnie and Billie, and you can have fun, too."

"Hum! Yes," remarked Uncle Wiggily, looking back toward the eagles to see if there was any trouble for him. "Those squirrel children have gathered plenty of nuts, I should say, and their mother will be glad to lend you mother some for a cake. I suppose I might go with you to see that everything is all right."

"Oh, goodie!" cried Susie. "Come on!"

So Susie and Uncle Wiggily hopped over the fields and through the woods to the tree where the Bushytail squirrel lived. Their home was partly in a crevice and partly in a hollow hole of a trunk.

The tree house of the squirrels was high up from the ground, but Johnnie, Billie and the other squirrels had no trouble in getting up. They climbed that tree, for they had sharp little claws.

"But we can't climb the tree, Uncle Wiggily, so how are we going to get up?" asked Susie, when they were almost at the squirrel tree.

"We'll go up in the elevator," brought the bunny gentleman. And surely enough, Johnnie and Billie

Features For Smaller Folks

Russian Ivan

Here is a new dollie from another nation and whether you have made these little foreigners into colored paper children or really sewed and stuffed them into cloth, Ivan will be glad to join the others. Ivan is a favorite Russian name—in history you will read of Ivan the Terrible—but this little fellow is mild and gentle.

To make him into a plump little stuffed doll, transfer this pattern onto a piece of unbleached muslin and embroider on the outside edge lines, except the outside edge. Several colors should be used, and several of the simple stitches, too. His boot cuffs are buttonhole stitch; a plain sewing stitch in bright colors embroiders his blouse and gaily rousers; his lips are solid red and the other lines are all just outline stitch.

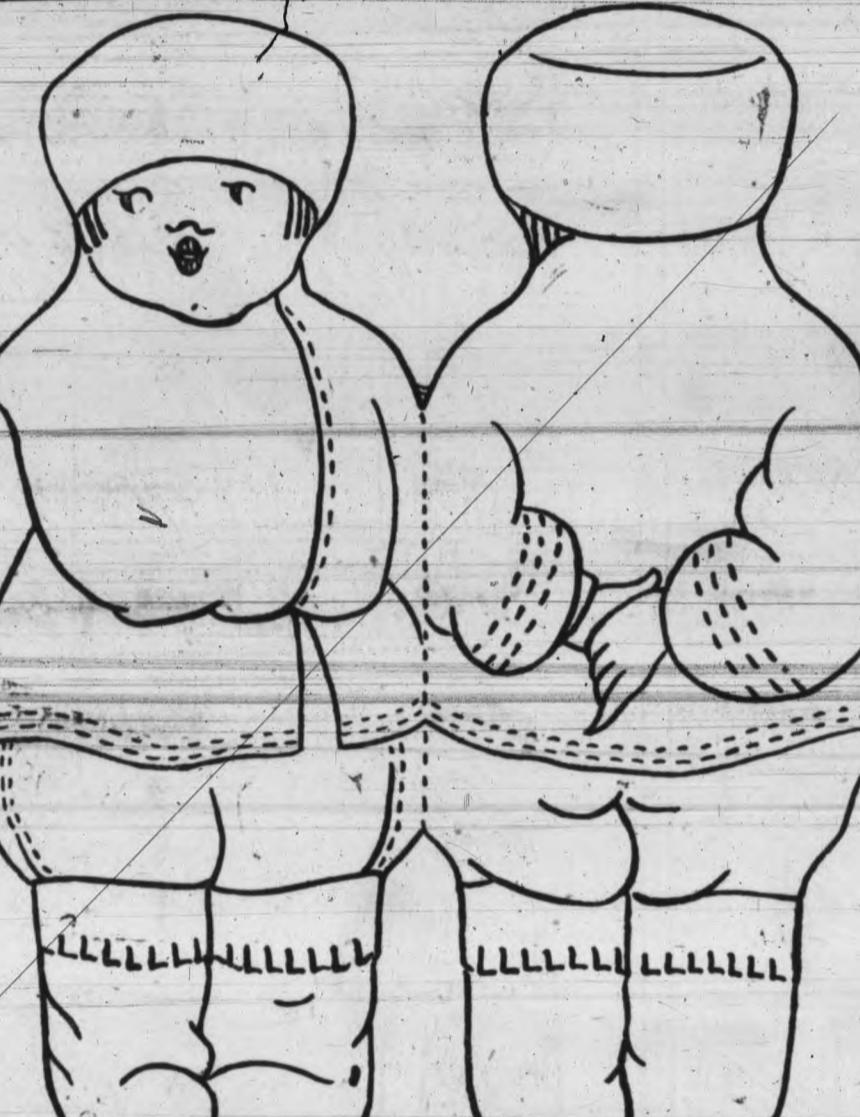
The contour of Ivan is very simple, which makes him easy to sew and stuff. After he is all embroidered, turn him in and silt him firmly around the outside edges all but across the bottom of his feet. Trim to about a quarter inch from the seam, then turn right side out again. A carbondit strip about an inch and a quarter wide or he may be stuffed with cotton or sawdust without this. When the stuffing looks smooth and nice, finish his feet by whipping around the outside edge.

Ivan could be dressed half full of good, solid food, for a little Ukrainian—and then he would be a beanbag. Or he can be folded on the dotted line and pasted into a sturdy little paper doll, with crayon lines instead of embroidery.

The lower picture is of a stone knife found in France, near St. Acheul. It is one of the oldest knives in the world. The upper picture shows how early men are believed to have cut with this knife.

—The Earliest Axes.

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Tommy Ted in Tangletown



The Hat Tree

By Roy Bunten

One poor man of Tangletown Wore hats upon both feet. Now it's quite the proper thing When out upon the street.

Tangletown, with its twisted trees, is a wonderful place to go; and the things a little boy meets if they didn't frighten him so!

When the J-bird sings or the Sawhorse neighs, or the cat walks on the river, Tommy goes to the tree where he always goes but he always has to shiver. Only a few short night ago with a slip and a slide and a sneeze, down fell Tommy, beside a row of big, broad, bent, blue trees. He rubbed his eyes. "Oh, look at that tree," he said. "It's a squirrel tree. Here's my chance to get a hat, with never a cent of money." For, just as far as he could see, as he sat on a big black root, every branch of every tree held hats instead of fruit. Derby hats and hats of straw, and felt hats, and buckskin hats. That's the sight that Tommy saw, there in Tangletown. "Hat Trees Hat Trees, everywhere," said little Tommy. "Ted Then—was he no longer there, but safe at home in bed.

How many little readers have made a trip to the Provincial Museum in the Parliament Buildings? It is well worthy of your time. There is a comprehensive history of this Province from the days of some of its early inhabitants. Traces of a civilization at least 1,000 years old are to be found in the form of axes and arrow heads. The stuffed animals and birds too, are well worth a study, and form a wonderful insight into the life of Nature's creatures in our woods.

How many timber right where it is, and nothing could persuade him to work after that hour. More than that, the elephant is to be very carefully handled. He must be led and does away in the barns and stables, and when he is led, he must be led and be counted all over. He is very sensitive and must be treated very kindly else he is likely to become sulky and dangerous.

The elephants are caught wild and then rather tame, by driving them into corrals. They are trained by placing them with tame elephants and gradually accustoming them to the commands of the driver.

One of the most valuable products of India is teakwood. This wood is used in making fine furniture, and it is sent to all parts of the world.

It is a very heavy wood, as it grows in the tree and the teakwood trees are girdled—that is the bark is cut

away near the ground, so that they will die and get thoroughly dry before they are felled. Once the trees are ready to cut down, saws and axes are used and then the logs are cut up into sections convenient for hauling. Chains are hitched to these logs and the elephants are hatched to them and drag them to the water where the logs are gathered into a raft and floated to the mill where the logs are cut up into timbers of a standard size.

When the logs are cut up into lumber the elephant takes up the lumber and they pile the lumber in the great yards. They seem to know exactly what to do and their drivers sit on the elephant's back and dozes away in the barns and stables, and when he is led, he must be led and be counted all over. He is very sensitive and must be treated very kindly else he is likely to become sulky and dangerous.

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TAKE CARE OF
YOURSELF -- YOU
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VOYAGE OR
SOMETHING

PERHAPS YOU'RE
RIGHT AFTER
ALL - PERHAPS
YOU'RE RIGHT

JOE DEAR ARE
YOU FEELING
WELL ?

YES - WHY ?

YOUR EYES HAVE A PECULIAR
LOOK - KINDA GLASSY

I FEEL
ALL
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UNCLE HORACE HAD THAT
SAME LOOK SHORTLY BEFORE
HE DIED

WELL THAT'S A
DOGGONE FINE
THING TO TELL
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TO YOUR SKIN -
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YOUR FACE CLOSELY
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THE TROUBLE?

NO - WHAT ?

I THINK THEY'RE
WORKING YOU TOO
HARD DOWN AT
YOUR OFFICE

AH-H - PSHAW -
I DON'T
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MAYBE YOU'RE
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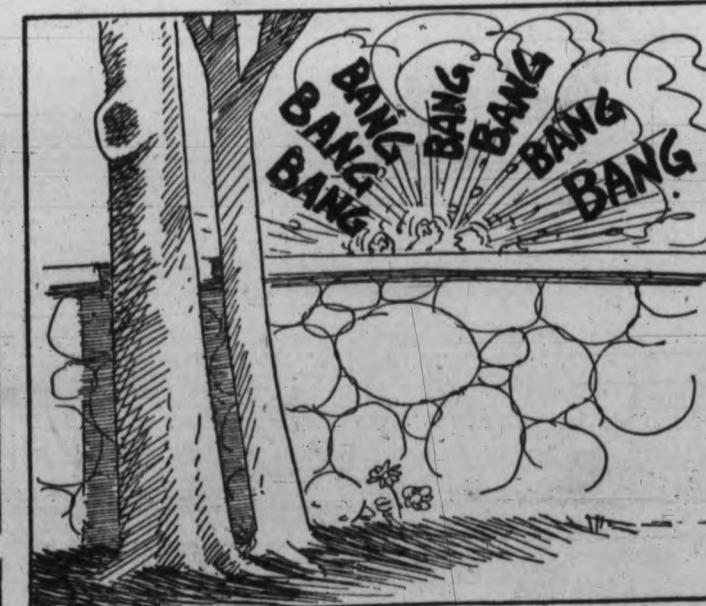
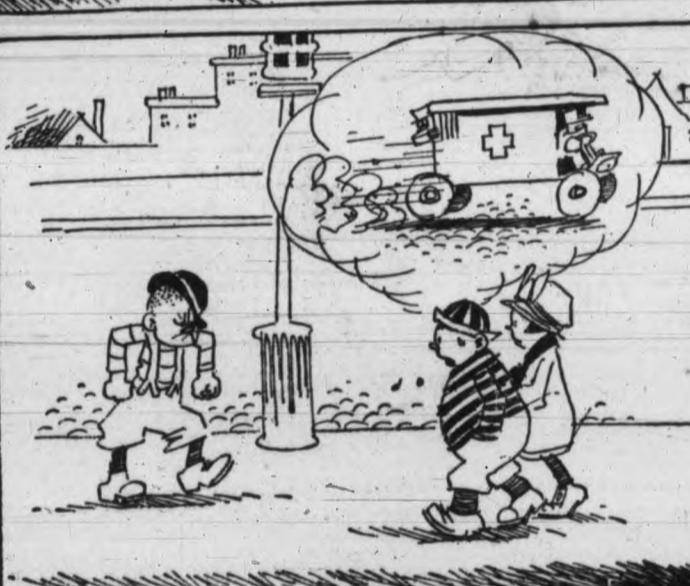
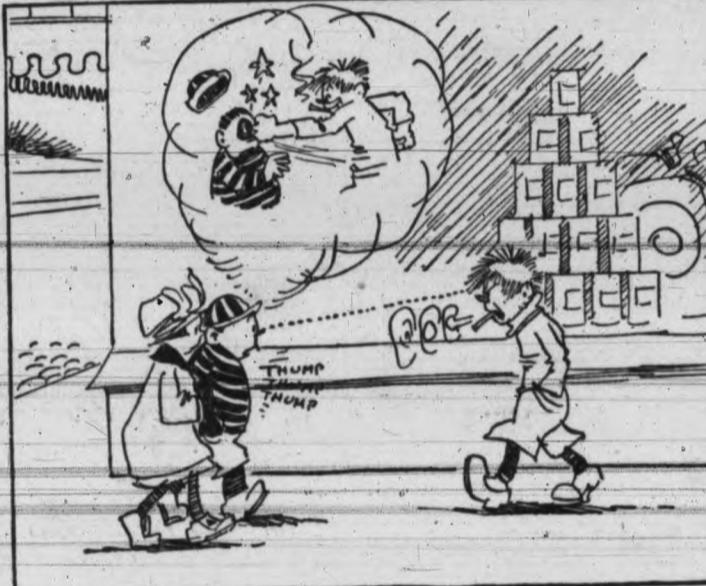
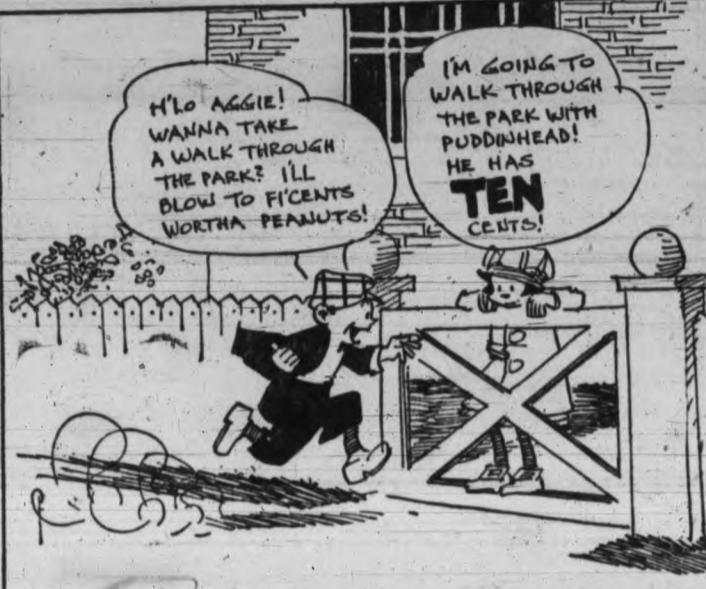
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The newcomer glanced half unconsciously towards the two young men who had risen to their feet. Then she passed on, followed by the older women, to the most distant corner of the room. It appeared that she wished to look at hats, and the whole establishment seemed at once interested with an eager desire to serve her. Hats were produced on every side, and passed from hand to hand with an air of deep anxiety. Mademoiselle, however, it transpired was not easy to please. She sat watching the various confections which were being submitted for inspection, with a look of tolerant indifference. Gerald moved to the side of the bookkeeper, who alone remained at her place behind the little desk.

"Tell me," he whispered, "who is that young lady?"

Myrtle was still not altogether reassured. "Especially as the young man whom the girl appears to fancy has already endeavored to make my acquaintance."

"It is something else on his mind," Christopher assured her. "I am certain that she is satisfied."

Gerald found Madame Lenore quite obdurate.

"It is impossible, milord," she declared firmly. "With many of my clients, yes. There would be no difficulty in finding an Englishman often referred to our mademoiselle would be impossible. She would not respond. She would never pardon the liberty."

"Then will you tell me who her friends are?" he persisted. "Let me know, at least, where I should be likely to find her."

Mademoiselle had lost much of its amability. She seemed genuinely worried.

"Milord," she said, "none of these names are possible."

"But who is she, then?"

Madame Lenore turned away.

"I know not," she answered under her breath. "It is not for us to know. Milord will excuse me."

Gerald waited for Madame's response with impatience. Presently Myrtle came out to them once more. The transformation was still amazing, but the blue serge costume was absolutely plain except for its thick edging of braid and the little tuque with its dark blue quill abiding freely from ornamentation. Yet it seemed almost incredible that this graceful girl who came towards them a little shyly but with perfect self-possession, should indeed be the peasant child who had been under their roof for rather less than twenty-four hours.

"Mademoiselle is transformed," Gerald declared. "She has natural elegance. In the simplest clothes I could give her, she would still create an impression. I have done my best, milord, to make you happy—that you are satisfied."

"Entirely," Gerald assented. "But Madame Lenore, I want a word with you."

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"Approve of them so much," Gerald announced, pulling himself together with an effort, "that I am going to take you to Ciro's to lunch. Come along, Christopher. Madame Lenore is a disobliging old cat."

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CLEAN UP CITY CAMPAIGN URGED

Condemnation Proceedings For Old Buildings to be Started

The City Council intends to conduct a clean-up campaign this year, it is developed in public works committee yesterday.

There will be a list of buildings of insanitary and aged character prepared, and steps will be taken to condemn them for condemnation proceedings.

Alderman Sangster made this statement when a communication was read from Col. Ridgway Wilson, who enclosed a copy of a resolution introduced in the Ontario Bay Council. The resolution asked for building permits to be refused to small stores in residential areas, and for the necessary power to be given by law to the building inspector to restrain unscrupulous building.

Col. Wilson invited the City Council to take similar action, and par-

ticularly with regard to many ungainly fences which existed in the city.

Alderman Ker associated himself with the resolution for improving the appearance to some of the fine residential property by the cleaning up of grounds and removal of old fences.

It was stated that the city health officer would prepare a list of insanitary premises and submit them to the council for action.

HOPE LEASE WILL BE RELINQUISHED TO CITY VOLUNTARILY

An effort will be made to secure voluntary lease of the lease of the stadium site, as successor of the Foundations Company organization.

The City Council heard yesterday afternoon the whole story of the lease to the defendant for the stadium site for a term of five years. It being taken in 1923 for a baseball park by Rithet. The lease does not expire until May 1925.

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Architects for the Crystal Garden want right of entry for the purpose of test borings for the foundations of the new building.

Band Concert Sunday Include Scotch Numbers

To-morrow evening at the Seventh of the Winter series of concerts given by the 16th Canadian Scottie, by kind permission of Mr. J. G. Urquhart, C. I. D. S. C., will witness the programme will be many numbers of Scotch selections and songs. Two interesting numbers will be a duet characteristic with the unique name of "The Elephant and the Fly," the much-revered "Waltz of the Toreador," to be played by Bandsman Haggart and his wife, Soupsophone; and the "Fly," described by Bandsman Jones on his piccolo, and the brass quartet, Bandsman North, Davidson, Raine and Gaiger in two numbers which are sure to be well played and enjoyed. Other selections are the "Zampa" overture and a suite characteristic in four movements; and in commemoration of the anniversary of Robert Burns, the "Auld Lang Syne," the selection "In Dear Old Scotland," and "Scotland for Ever" will be rendered. The soloists are Miss Eva Hart, soprano, who will request sing "Comin' Thro' the Rye" and will be joined in the duet "Maying" with her husband, Mr. J. Q. Gillan, the popular tenor. This evening with the band, the Capitol should see a large turnout of music lovers.

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